

Dispute on 'the Malheur Refuge' quiets; cattlemens complaints found unjustifiable

By
Staff
Writer
The
quiet on the Malheur
Refuge
A mounting dispute
between Eastern Oregon cattlemen
and supporters of the
Malheur Field Station, an environmental
science learning center
located on the Malheur
Refuge in Eastern
Oregon, hopefully ended on an
amicable note during Spring

enlisted Burns state senator Bob
Smith to help rid the refuge of
the controversial director.

But, said Ross, Ferguson
"has the right to speak out."
He noted that Ferguson never
identifies himself as the director
of the station, but "makes his
statements as a private citizen."
Ross added that "if we (the
advisory council) fired him, he

According to Bob Ross, Bio-
logist and secretary of
Malheur Field Station Con-
servation Advisory Council, the
seven day range war ended
with an Education Sub-
committee of the Ways and
Means Committee cancelled a
hearing scheduled for March 22.
The purpose of the hearing
was to examine the possibility of
drawing state funds to the
station after attempts by neigh-
boring ranchers to have station
director Denzil Ferguson fired,

Withdrawal of state funds
have amounted to less
than 10 percent of the station's
budget. Most funds are received
through the donations of 22
ranches which presently use the
station facilities.

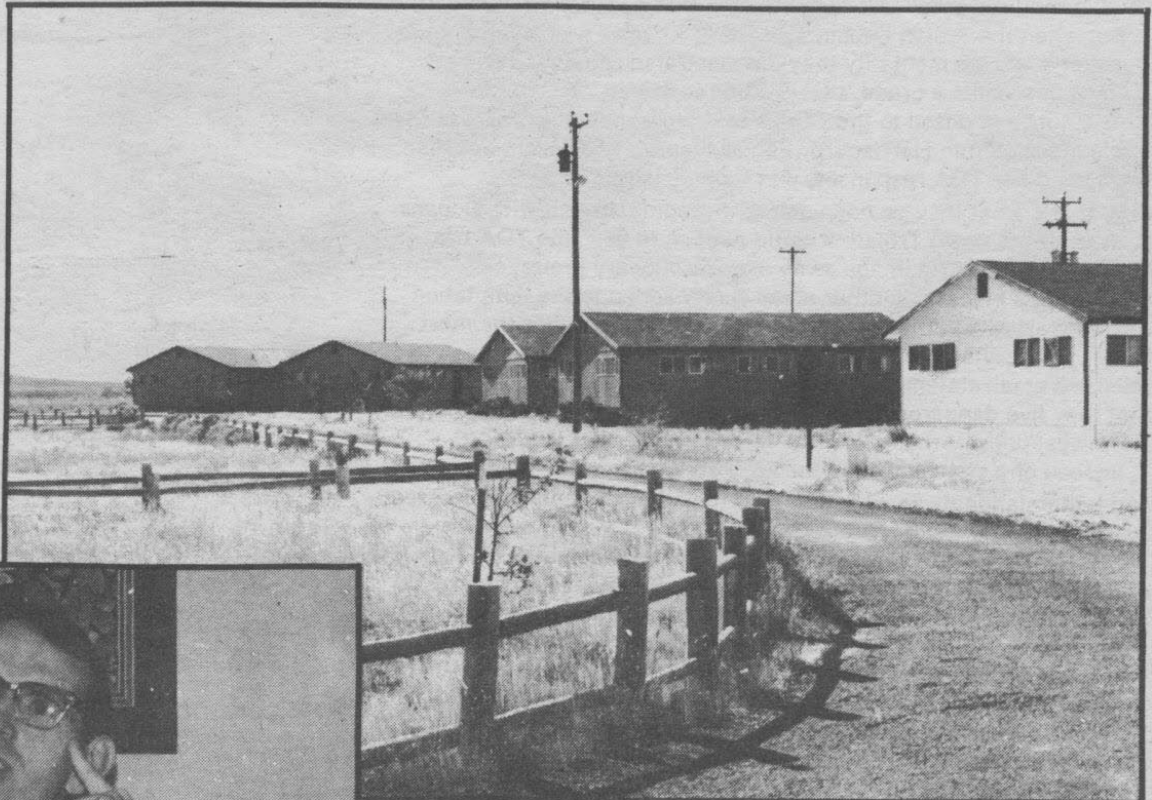
Original disagreements oc-
curred when Ferguson contend-
ed that the grazing of cattle on
government owned lands had
a detrimental effect upon
the area's ecology and should be
stopped. When visitors found
wild geese instead of wild
horses, Ferguson organized a
public letter writing campaign
against the grazing practices.

With the campaign proving
unsuccessful (grazing has been
reduced by 40 percent in the last
two years), enraged rancher

could sue us. He has a right to
the freedom of speech."

The cattlemen claimed that
Ferguson was a biased teacher
and that he was allowing
students to consume alcohol and
swim nude while on the
refuge. The latter allegations
were acknowledged by Ross, but
he mentioned that the reasoning
behind the practices had care-
fully been omitted by the
cattlemen.

"They were using this as a
way to make the issue more
stinky," he said. "All of
Eastern Oregon are hot springs



Malheur Field Station

Busing for LBCC students proposed to cut gas usage

by Julie Brudvig
Staff Writer

A mass transit program
designed to reach LBCC stu-
dents from the Albany and
Corvallis area, has been halted
by a controversy with Grey-
hound bus lines.

The plan, which would have
created a bus loop from Albany
to Corvallis to Philomath and
then back to LBCC, was opposed
by Greyhound on the grounds
that it would interfere with their
routes.

Presently, Greyhound oper-
ates a bus route between
Albany, Corvallis and Philomath
on highway 20. They have no
service on highway 34 which
runs by LBCC.

The LBCC transit system
committee, composed of inter-
ested citizens as well as
representatives from local gov-
ernments, sees a definite need
for this service.

"Our belief is two-fold. Num-
ber one, it would be critical to
have this available should an
energy crisis emerge. Number
two, even if there isn't a crisis,
more people are going to be
needing this because of rising
costs of transportation," said
Herb Hammond, chairman of
the committee. "If a situation
would develop where only half
of the students could come to
school, we have no public transit
to offer and you can see how
that would hurt our enroll-
ment," he added.

At a recent meeting at LBCC,
Dennis Moore, director of the

Public Transit Division of the
state Department of Transporta-
tion, told the committee that he
would not grant a permit for the
program as long as Greyhound
opposes it.

Not only is the division
responsible for issuing permits,
but it is also in charge of the
state and federal money needed
for operation of the program.

Moore justified his wariness
of Greyhound's protests ex-
plaining to the committee that
he did not want to get into any
litigation that would be lengthy
and costly.

The proposed bus service
would cost a recommended 35
cents, and would run hourly
from seven a.m. to six p.m.

Hammond said that if Grey-
hound had not opposed the plan,
the system would be well on its
way in being in operation. □

Late-fee charged after this Friday

The meter is running for
students who didn't register by
Monday, March 26.

Students carrying 10 or more
credits pay \$2 a day, up to \$10 in
late registration fees.

Students carrying less than 10
credits have until Friday, April
6, to register before paying a set
late registration fee of \$1
beginning the third week of
Spring Term.

This late registration fee was
designed to get students reg-
istered before the first day of
classes. □



Bob Ross

Photos by Ruth Tjernlund

and it's been a tradition among
cattlemen as well as other that
after a long hot day on the
range, it's not unusual in
passing by a spring, to stop to
enjoy it."

After reviewing both sides of
the issue, Ross explained that
"we (the consortium) didn't
want to point a finger at their
own practices—didn't want to
Have to get into these smutty
issues."

Ross went on to mention that
Ferguson furnished beer at the
station for the students' own
protection. The nearest tavern,
he said, is some thirty miles
away and with the sometime
rowdiness of the locals, he was
merely concerned about their
welfare.

As a member of the Con-
sortium, Ross feels that if
Ferguson had been a bad
administrator, he might have
felt differently, but "We had a
meeting in January," he re-
marked, "and we found no basis
for that. His work is respected
and he's an excellent teacher
and administrator."

Because of a "breakdown of
communication" between those
affiliated with the station and
local resident, the consortium
will establish a subcommittee,
Ross said.

Inside...

The editor of the Corvallis Weekly Guide also teaches a class in how to succeed in the art of stepparenting. See page 6.

Benny the Beaver actually speaks out in a feature story written by a High Skills Contest winner on page 5.

An Employer Fair to help LBCC students investigate job prospects is in the works. See page 4.

Editorial

TDA flunks the 'taste-test'

by Dale Stowell
Commuter Editor

Given a test with an entire grade based on a single question, usually requires great care in answering that question.

But when the Trojan Decommissioning Alliance was given a "one question test, the mentality they demonstrated could lead one to believe that given a grade, they would receive an "F."

The question posed to the TDA was: "How should we react to the nuclear accident in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania?" Their answer, like so many other TDA responses, was "Demonstrate."

So that's what they've been doing. Parading around with slogans such as "Shut down Trojan; it could happen to us," the TDA has continued to build its image as an over reactionary group.

Numerous protests in other areas surely added to the temptation of anti-Trojaners to make themselves visual, but perhaps the most tasteful thing the organization could have done would have been to release a small statement—something that would just remind people that they live dangerously close to a nuclear power plant that the Northwest doesn't really need.

Instead of a statement, the media is obliged to cover the protests and understandably so. The fact that they are happening is stressed even though the exact reasons are lost.

Furthermore, TDA protests were the most predictable occurrences after the Harrisburg accident. Surely people neutral or otherwise toward the TDA, were expecting the group to demonstrate.

If the group declined demonstration, they could have proven themselves above using scare tactics to amplify their cause. Refraining from protest could have actually strengthened TDA support. In this instance, the TDA's protest simply got in the way. The Harrisburg accident would have spoken better for itself. □

High school competencies: an incompetent system

(Editor's Note: This is the winning editorial from the March 10 High School Skills Contest at LBCC. Editorial Writing was one of six writing contests for students in Linn, Benton and Lincoln counties that day.)

by Chris Eisgruber
Corvallis High School

Paperwork and inefficiency are being fed into Oregon's educational system in a misguided plan to increase the value of a public education.

Stories of high school graduates who cannot read or write, continuing grade inflation and declining standardized test scores have thrown into uncertainty the meaning of a high school diploma. In an attempt to guarantee that high school graduates do know something, the Oregon Legislature devised the competency system.

Although the hoped-for ends of the competency system are admirable, the means are unjustifiable. Three fundamental problems exist with competencies.

First, competencies require a large volume of paperwork. Records of a student's yearly progress must be continually updated and, as the student nears graduation, checked repeatedly for completion. Records are usually kept in several places in the school district, thereby multiplying the amount of paperwork and the chance of errors.

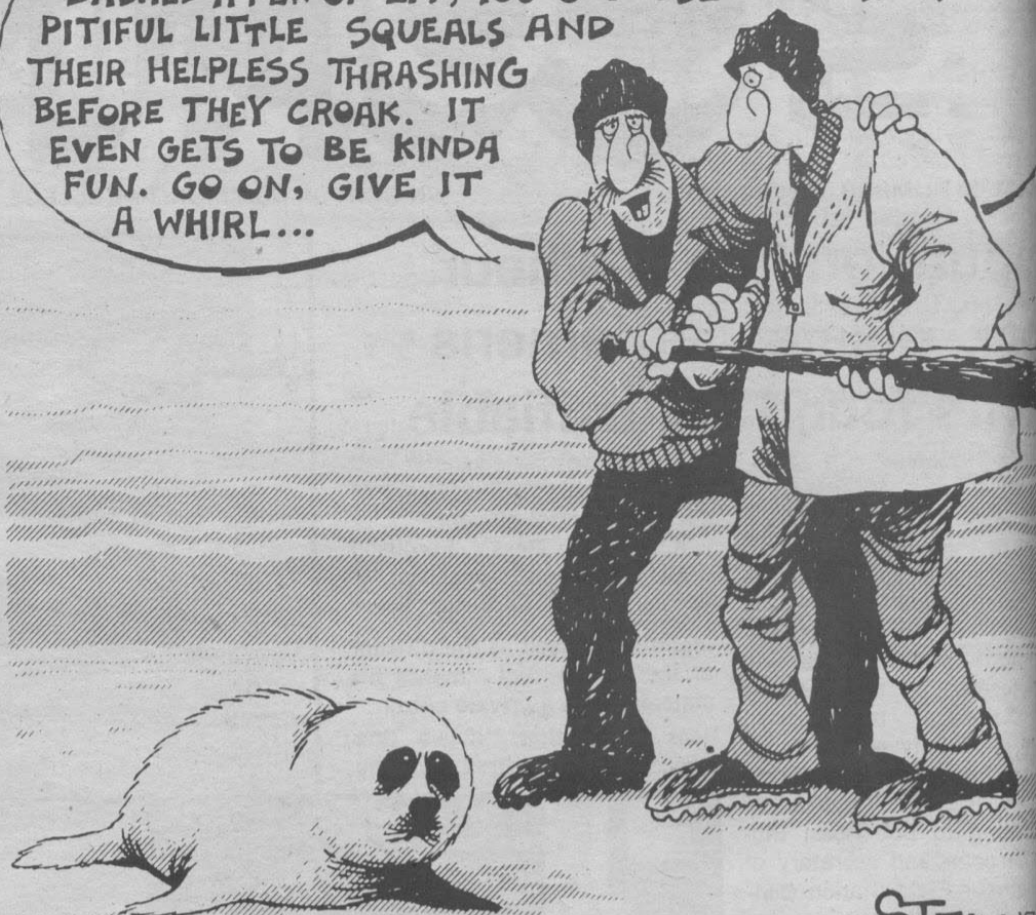
Second, competencies waste students' time. Many of the competencies are not covered in class. As a result students are forced to waste time studying to pass performance indicators covering trivial subjects. Class time is also wasted, as teachers must deviate from their course plan to test for what is often unimportant or extremely elementary knowledge.

Third, the competency system fails to accomplish what it set out to do. Students may pass the performance indicators during their school careers, but may well forget the materials covered soon after completing the competency. Since students often study the specific points included in a competency immediately prior to taking the competency test and may take the test more than once, passing the test has little meaning.

Two ready alternatives to the competency system exist. One is to administer a comprehensive test to graduating seniors. A passing grade would be necessary to earn a diploma. Seniors could take versions of the test more than once. The second alternative is to include competency material in required classes. Students couldn't graduate without passing the classes and therefore the competencies.

Whatever alternative is chosen, it will almost certainly be superior to the bureaucratic mess now employed. □

C'MON, KID. YOU CAN DO IT. IT'S ALWAYS TOUGH THE FIRST TIME, BUT AFTER YOU'VE BASHED A FEW OF 'EM, YOU GET USED TO THEIR PITIFUL LITTLE SQUEALS AND THEIR HELPLESS THRASHING BEFORE THEY CROAK. IT EVEN GETS TO BE KINDA FUN. GO ON, GIVE IT A WHIRL...



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Letters

To the Editor:

This is intended as an open letter to all students and faculty who were concerned for the continuation of the Malheur Field Station and the retention of its director, Dr. Denzel

Ferguson. I speak for the M.F.S. Consortium Advisory Council and myself in extending my heartfelt thanks for the tremendous support by all students and faculty. And, a special thanks to those who

wrote letters of support to various legislators and to those who had planned to attend hearing on March 22, 1979.

The statement which was developed by Chancellor Lieuallen and presented before the Education Subcommittee of the Ways and Means Committee was one of many agreements by all intimate concerned with the control. The statement is intended to open pathways leading to solutions of some of the concerns expressed.

The Malheur Field Station in operation in the usual manner and all those who go to the M.F.S. this summer to enroll in one of the summer classes will be greeted by its director, Dr. Denzel Ferguson, also as Donald R. Breakey, President, Malheur Field Station Consortium, Advisory Council.

Student council elections coming later this month

With Spring comes the end of the school year. With the end of the school year comes student elections for the following year.

Elections for the Council of Representatives for the '79-80 school year will be Wednesday, April 25 and Thursday, April 26.

All full or part-time students are eligible to be candidates for the Council of Representatives, a student organization which serves as a communications link between LBCC students, faculty, administration and the Board of Education.

Two students will be elected to represent each of the five academic divisions and must be majors within that division. Thus, a candidate for the Business Division must have a major such as marketing, accounting or secretarial science.

In addition, there will be two representatives elected from the Community Education centers and one at-large member for a total of 13 representatives.

Petitions and applications for the election will be available in the Student Organizations Office (CC213) on Monday, April 9, at 8a.m. The petitions and applications must be filled out and turned in to the Student Organizations Office no later than Friday, April 13, at 5p.m. for the candidates' name to be placed on the official ballot. □

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Handicapped students are 'movin' up' on campus

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Writer
andicap is a handicap only if it is treated as one. A group of LBCC students, labeled "handicapped" have set out to show that they're actually only physically limited. To do this, they have formed Moving Up, a club dedicated to breaking down the physical and social barriers that often create unnecessary hardships for the handicapped. Moving Up was initiated early in the school year by Head Counselor Bob Talbott, coordinator of Handicapped Services at LBCC. Talbott defines a handicap as anything that hinders a person from reaching his potential. "A person may have some physical limitation, but it does not have to be a handicap unless it hinders other people—perceives a person as handicapped," he continued. "It is not a handicap if a person is given the right management and support." Moving Up was formed to help handicapped members become more efficient and find new ways of getting around his limitations. Talbott acts as the club's advisor, while Steve Hauser and Waldrop are the co-chairmen. There are 15-20 active members, with over 100 handicapped individuals on campus. Talbott pointed out that handicaps are not always permanent, as pointed out Talbott.

"For some it's fairly minor—something you wouldn't notice," he said. An example would be someone with a back problem which prevented that person from continuing in a chosen career.

Moving Up gives its members a chance to talk about this and other problems caused by physical limitations.

Hauser, a 25-year-old Business Management major, chairs the club meetings from an electricity-powered wheelchair.

Hauser, Waldrop and other Moving Up members have been helping the administration in pinpointing barriers on campus so the problem areas can be adjusted for easier access.

"I can't make an absolute statement," offered Talbott, "but as a new institution, LBCC has fewer barriers than many older schools."

"Our campus is not barrier-free, but it's more accessible than OSU or OCE," agreed Hauser. "It's nearly impossible for a (handicapped) person to go to OSU. I know a guy who did that trip and it was really tough."

Because of that, club-members plan to visit high schools to recruit handicapped students to LBCC.

Moving Up recently sponsored a comedy presentation by Gene Michener, a wheelchair-bound comedian. Michener's Show included a liberal sprinkling of

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Photo by Michael Bracher

STEVE HAUSER, who serves as a co-chairperson in the Moving Up club, confers with Bob Talbott, club advisor. Moving Up is a club available to handicapped students at LBCC.

LBCC classes benefit local firms

by Joan Thornburgh
Staff Writer

LBCC Business Division instructors are catering their classes to local business firms. With 27 subjects to offer, the courses are designed to meet the needs of particular companies.

Business Division instructors, Mike Kauffman, Maynard Chambers and Gerry Conners are finding an increasing popularity among local industries to sponsor supervisory courses for foremen. Wah Chang, Fisher Implement and apprentice carpenters at Adair are among the

few participating.

Kauffman explained that the companies are sponsoring the classes as a refresher to the foremen. Many times foremen have just been promoted to their position without formal training. They have the knowledge, ability and skills of the job, but have never been in a supervisory position.

"It puts them in a sink or swim position," Kauffman explained. "This helps develop the skills needed to take charge of their duties as foremen."

Foremen, Kauffman continued, are a vital link within a

company. They work with upper management and production workers. They must understand what needs to be done and how to have an effective work force. It is their duty to communicate between both groups to maintain policies and production.

Kauffman expressed that foremen are often caught in the middle and aren't appreciated as they should be in their position in a company.

The courses themselves are tailored to the company needs, based on their unique circumstances. Instructors are informed of what these needs are and the curriculum is developed accordingly. The hours of the classes are also held at times convenient to the company. It has been known for Chambers to conduct classes at 2 and 5 in the morning. For the most part however, classes are in the evening. Classes are either a one credit mini course or three credit full course.

Both Kauffman and Conners expressed their enthusiasm to the classes as a community service. They thought this is a real way to serve the community better.

"The community is supporting the college. It's encouraging to be supporting the community in return," Conners said Kauffman reiterated.

Kauffman and Conners also spoke positively about the experience it has given them. It brings them closer to the real working world and its functions. Theory and practical application are meshed.

The companies too have benefitted more than they had hoped, according to Kauffman. It has not just educated their foremen but the foremen within the company are getting to know each other and the duties of one another. They better understand how the individual departments function and how they work as a whole. □

Experimental College to start Spring classes

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Writer
Experimental College's new course offerings geared toward indoor activities for Spring. Most classes begin next Monday, April 9. Coordinator Debi Santo has set up such classes as Kite Flying, Model Rocketry, and Ultimate Frisbee to which students enjoy the sun and hoping for. Beginner classes include Beginning Painting (oil or acrylic), Introduction to Stocks and Bonds, a five-day "Stop Smoking" clinic and two new courses: Our Bodies, Lives and The First Sex. Registration for Experimental College classes started Monday. A registration table at "Spring Fever" today. The classes are tuition free, although some charge minimal materials fees. Experimental College instructors will be giving demonstrations or displays at "Spring Fever." One will be by Parich who is teaching Beginning Painting. His work was recently featured in a show at Crescent Valley High School in Corvallis.

Probably the most unusual class is Ultimate Frisbee. Tom Hubbard, who has taught at the OSU Experimental College, will teach the class dealing with throwing and catching techniques.

But there's more to it than that. Ultimate Frisbee is actually a team sport played on a field

measuring 60 x 40 yards with a 30 yard end zone. Points are made by catching the frisbee in the end zone, but players cannot run with the disc.

Hubbard wants to establish a team to play against teams from Corvallis and Eugene. The class starts Sunday, April 8, at noon and runs eight weeks.

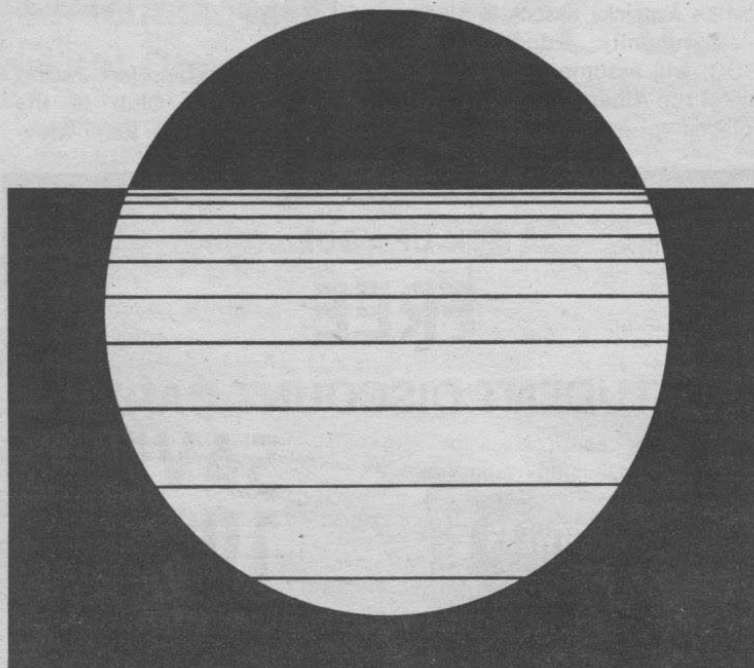
Another "different" course being offered is the Stop Smoking clinic. The five-consecutive-day class deals with natural ways to "kick the habit."

There has been an 85 per cent success rate among the students who stay with the program. The five classes include films and discussions on using diet to rid the body of nicotine, group support, a daily plan and one of the most important factors: education.

After the sessions are completed, there will be four weekly follow-up sessions. The time and dates will be announced during the main class.

There is a \$5 fee for the class, but Santo said it may be waived in the event of financial difficulty.

These are just a sample of the Experimental College's offerings this term. There is a complete listing in the flyer included in this issue of the *Commuter*. Information and registration are available at the Community Education office, CC-106, and at the Spring Fever celebration. □



EXPERIMENTAL COLLEGE

Employer Fair offers a chance to explore variety of job fields

by Joan Thornburgh
Staff Writer

An increasing number of businesses and industries will be participating in LBCC's second annual Employer Fair this year.

On Thursday, April 12, the Commons will be lined with display tables for various employer representatives ranging from Tektronix to *The Corvallis Gazette Times*. The representatives will be available to offer brochures and answer questions of student interest in the future potential of employment opportunities.

Group presentation from the employer will be scheduled throughout the day in the Alsea/Calapooia Rooms, the Willamette Room and in the Forum. Schedules for the

presentation can be obtained in the Commons.

The purpose of the fair was strictly for information, said Vi Cooper, placement service coordinator. Its intentions are not for recruiting. Students are given a chance to obtain information on employment, job possibilities and training needed for individual employers.

"It is our hope," Cooper said, "that students will better understand what companies will be available to them and their expectations. Students also can find out what training they need."

Cooper also mentioned that 13 high schools have been invited to participate in the activities. High school seniors will be able to investigate their fields of

interest.

And what is a fair without clown? Ruth Ann Harris, along with some of her corny companions will serve as guides. It looks as though smiles are to be as much a part of the fair as promising outlooks for future graduates.

Movin' Up, A campus club, will serve coffee to the employers and offer brochures on hiring the handicapped. They hope to inform the employers of the capacity of the handicapped in the work force.

"I am convinced," Cooper concluded, "that the Employer Fair will be much bigger and more effective than last year's. We are encouraging instructors to let students participate by having them make an assignment for students to investigate their own field."

Board hears requests for wrestling, softball teams

At LBCC's last Board of Education meeting, Dick McClain, director of Physical Education and Health Occupations, proposed the addition of men's wrestling and women's softball to LBCC's athletic program.

McClain said that a survey of area high schools proved a "significant interest" in expanding these programs to the college. As for on campus interest, McClain said "I wouldn't have proposed them (men's wrestling and women's softball) if I didn't think there

was any (interest)."

The proposed programs would total an annual cost of \$8,000; \$5,500 for wrestling and \$2,500 for women's softball. McClain said the wrestling would be a sanctioned intercollegiate competitive sport within the Oregon Community College Athletic Association while women's softball would be offered only as a club sport at first.

Softball is not yet acknowledged by the OCCAA as an intercollegiate sport said McClain, but he believes that enough colleges are interested in it to establish it as a "sanctioned sport".

Hesitations in approving the proposal came from Board members Charles Carpenter and Russ Trip who said that "it may contribute to an imbalance of athletic opportunities open to men and women at LBCC."

President Needham also pointed out that the interest in women's sports at LBCC has not been abundant. He said that one particular sport, gymnastics, is "dormant" due to "insufficient interest" and suggested that a more comprehensive survey regarding the sports should be developed for further consideration by the board.

McClain said that the future of the proposed sport additions was presently unknown. □

Director named to Benton Center

Ann Crisp, Director of the LBCC's Albany Center, has been reassigned to head the Benton Center in Corvallis.

Crisp will replace Hal Johnson, who has resigned the Benton Center post to manage his family's dry-land wheat farm in Eastern Washington.

The Benton Center has been operating from the former Washington School at 630 NW 7th St. since 1977. Nearly 900 community education classes are offered yearly at the center and other locations in the city and county. Yearly enrollment headcount is in excess of 10,000 students.

A resident of Oakville Road, Albany, Crisp was a director of the Corvallis League of Women Voters in 1975-77. Prior to 1975 she worked as nutrition education specialist with the Oregon State University's Home Economics Department.

Mike Patrick, associate dean of Community Education at LBCC, will assume the directorship of the Albany Center until a replacement is named. □



NABBING FIRST PLACE in the High School Skills Contest competition, this photo was shot, developed and printed by Needham of West Albany. He had to get a final print within 10 hours while he covered the welding contest March 10.

Essayers unite

A new mini-course, "The All-Purpose Essay," began yesterday in the writing lab.

The four-week course teaches students to master a standard essay form adaptable to many purposes.

Once students have learned the basics of writing an organized essay, they should be able to apply that knowledge in a variety of class situations.

The essay-writing class meets in LRC 214, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1-2p.m. for the next four weeks. More information can be obtained from Kathy Clark in the Writing Lab (LRC 213D) at ext. 395. □

Club is movin' along

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jokes about "the electric chair," cripples having kinkier moves," and being a stand-up comedian who can't stand up.

Moving Up meetings are the first and third Mondays of every month at noon in the Willamette Room.

Occasionally meetings will feature a film about others who are faced with similar problems. A recent film told the story of a mother who contracted polio. The disease paralyzed the woman who later had a baby daughter, which she cared for without the use of arm and leg muscles.

"I learned from it," admitted Hauser.

An immediate project facing the Moving Up Club is the upcoming Employer Fair. Mov-

ing Up members will man their own table to make an impact on visiting employers about the strengths of handicapped workers.

While the major function of Moving Up is to promote the physically limited as "different people," they, like anyone else, like to have fun too.

"We'll probably go to some movies and concerts as a group," said Hauser. But, she admitted, that may be difficult because "a lot of us are different."

"Just because we have a handicap, people think we should stay home all night and read books like rock concerts but others are the symphony. We're as different as night and day." □

Golfers sought

The Roadrunner golf team traveled to Gresham today to compete with Mount Hood Community College. However, it is still not too late to try out for the team.

Golfers shooting in the 80's and below are encouraged to contact Moe at ext. 311. □

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OSU's mascot Benny Beaver tells all; High school journalism students listen

Editor's Note: This article was written by one of the winners of writing contests during the March 10 High School Skills Contest at LBCC. The students who interviewed Benny the Beaver, OSU's mascot, who made one of his rare appearances revealing his identity.

Tim Jacobsen
Central Albany High School
What has a brown body, a flat green eyes and an orange black hat? Right! It's Benny Beaver, alias Darrell Hames, OSU's mascot.

One day Scott Simmons, my roommate, and I were sitting around watching T.V. and acting stupid. Then Scott said that he would go out for rally if I went and tried to become Benny."

It was settled. Scott was going for rally, and Darrell was going to try to become the mascot. There wasn't much competition. There were two people going out: another girl and myself. But she was hard to beat, and when I won and told my roommate, she said, "Why the hell is a 23-year-old man going to be around in a beaver costume?" But then she settled down."

We really had a lot of fun being Benny. The most fun I've

had was when we went to Minnesota for a football game. We stayed with a bunch of guys in Theta Chi Fraternity. They were really nice. They took us to a discotheque, a few bars, and to see 'Animal House.' It was really fun."

Although Benny's had some good times, there are always the bad ones too. "The worst game we had was when we played at the University of Oregon. Chuck the Duck, the U of O's mascot, and I went around on the Ducks' side of the stands. The people were really mean. One man tackled me, another poured beer all over me, and the crowd and the team were all yelling obscenities at me.

"The only other bad thing is the heat of the costume. I've really enjoyed being Benny."

Benny also enjoys many fringe benefits from the job that, by the way, doesn't pay any money. "The Beaver can do just about anything—like go over to the visiting rally members and pull their shirts up over their heads, and wave at the referee with one finger. But I got in trouble for that one, because I didn't know the television camera was pointed at me. After that, I was told not to do it again," he confessed.

"My main goal as Benny is to get people to laugh," stated

Hames. "I go up in the stands and say hi to the kids and pass out balloons. My reward is the response from the crowds."

Although Benny has a fun side, Darrell has a serious side. "I try to separate my personalities from one another. That way not many people will know who I am. I don't want to get big headed about it and say hey, I'm cool, I'm the Beaver."

There are 11 rally members: five boys, five girls, and one beaver. "We're like brothers and sisters, which is too bad because there are some damn good looking girls on rally!"

"I like cheering for basketball best, because you have the whole court for a stage. I get to use my drama techniques. Besides, people can really see you on the basketball court. I get to shoot baskets too. Everyone likes to see Benny make a basket; it really gets them fired up. And when I miss, I throw the ball across the court and make the rally guys chase it," he explained.

"I really work at trying to be a beaver, because last year I was watching a game, and the beaver pulled his head up to get a breath of air, and the kids were blown away. I promised myself that I wouldn't do that this year. I also studied last year's beaver, and watch a lot of



THIS PHOTO of Benny the Beaver was taken by photojournalism contestant Don Bayne of Central Linn High School. Benny [alias Darrell Hames] talked to feature writing contestants at the High School Skills Contest March 10.

Bugs Bunny and Road Runner cartoons."

Tryouts for Benny are held every spring. They are judged on how talented yet silly they are. "I really feel that I've done a lot for the beaver's popularity. Last year two people tried out, and the year before that, five people tried out. This year 14 people are trying out. I feel you need the live mascot, because it gives the fans someone to relate to."

Hames, who is a graduate of Oregon City High School, is a senior at Oregon State University this year and is majoring in hotel and restaurant management. He was involved in football and wrestling, and took drama in high school.

"I'm not sure what I'm going to do when I graduate. What I'd like to do is go to Hawaii and rub suntan lotion on the girls, but I guess there's not much money in that." □

'Spring Fever' plagues LBCC campus today

Patty Shirer
Staff Writer

Today is "Spring Fever Day." Now that spring is upon us many people are feeling restless; LBCC Student Organizations is sponsoring a "Spring Fever Day" to work off that feeling.

Tricycle races, a paper airplane flying contest and a best

costume contest will be featured along with live music and prizes.

All of this is to take place in the Commons and outside between the College Center and the Business building, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For late entries for the contest, contact Student Organizations (CC214 or call 928-2361, ext. 266.

Today's celebration is to

promote a variety of campus activities including the Experimental College, the upcoming student elections, a recycling program, and a anti-litter campaign.

Student elections will be April 25 and 26, to elect two candidates to represent each of the five academic divisions. Petitions and applications for

ASLBCC Council of Representatives offices can be picked up at Student Organizations Office starting (CC213) April 9. Deadline for the completed forms is at 5pm, April 13.

The Experimental College consists of free, non-credit classes taught by students who have a knowledge or skill they want to pass on to others.

A Recycling program, Earth-

cycle, is to start at LBCC Fall term.

A campus anti-litter campaign is being launched so people will pick up both their own and other peoples litter.

"Spring Fever Day" will feature display tables to provide students and staff with information on these and other programs. □

Green Peace moves headquarters to OSU's Environmental Center

LBCC's year-old chapter of Green Peace is releasing its campus foothold by moving its office to OSU.

The new Corvallis location could help the organization in a number of ways, according to an Thornburg, campus coordinator of the local chapter of a world-wide group which is involved in protecting marine animals from slaughter and extinction.

The club will be run through OSU Environmental Center to avoid the red tape that establishing it as an OSU club could create.

Thornburg said there has been an obvious Corvallis interest in the organization, noting that there was a Green Peace

group at OSU working through the LBCC chapter, but "people don't want to come all the way over here (to LBCC). Being over at the Environmental Center, we'll be closer to the people."

Thornburg will step down as the coordinator of the organization due to lack of time, but she feels that she is leaving the club in good shape.

"Our bank account is good so there's a substantial amount there to work with," Thornburg said.

Thornburg feels the projects that the group undertakes will be easier at OSU because "at a four-year-institute there'll be a slower turn over of members." □

LBCC track team looking ahead

by Ted GrosJacques
Staff Writer

Track coach Dave Bakley is looking forward to a better than average season as the Roadrunner thinclads head into the 1979 season.

"We are a shade stronger than last year," said Bakley, noting that this year's team has more depth on the mens' team.

"The success of the team depends on whether or not the Roadrunners can avoid injuries."

Sophomore Rick Anicker, who captured third place in the national pole vaulting competition last year, will lead the team.

Ron Garrison, LBCC's decathlete, should be stronger in almost every event, according to

Bakley. Garrison placed fifteenth in the national meet last year. "I expect him to place in the top 10 or even higher," Bakley said.

Bakley looks for a good season out of returning regional high jump champion Mark Leedom. Other returning sophomores that Bakley expects good things from are Loren Jensen in the distance events and Ted GrosJacques in the shot put.

Bakley says that there are many freshmen that will help give the team much more depth.

These include: Brian Agee, Terry Collins, Tim Bright, Scott Hecht, Mike Hess, Jon Jensen,

Bill Lassetter, Rodger McKay, Richey Ruiz and Rob Wilcox.

The womens' team could be comparable to last year's team although they have a little less depth. They are made up of all freshman competitors, but Bakley still thinks they are going to be strong. "We'll be strongest in the throwing events," he said.

In the throwing events are Trina Marvin (javelin), Jeri Johnson (discus, shot), and Nancy Gathercol (shot). The other members of the team are Karen Rackliff, Denise Middleton and Kelly Pierce. Bakley expects the womens' team to improve as the season progresses. □

Step-parenting class helps families to blend together

by Dale Stowell
Staff Writer

There's no magical stairway to success when you're dealing with step-parenting, but a class being held at LBCC this term will help stepparents deal with problems that can arise.

"Step-parenting: living with other people's children, is indeed a difficult task," said Art Herman, instructor of the step-parenting class.

The class is designed to help stepparents gain different perspectives into problems and to share their successes of the families blending together, Herman said.

"There are different patterns of success and failure," he noted. "Each person can bring something to class and the rest of us can tell how 'we' deal with it. In part, the class will be 'let me tell you what happened to me today.'"

Herman said it also helps to see that a problem that someone thought was unique to their situation is actually shared by others.

With the help of each other, Herman hopes class participants will learn more about adapting to a new family made from components of two families because, "the environment goes on whether we adapt or not."

Although this is Herman's first crack at a step-parenting class, he has worked and taught in related areas. For seven years he put together a newsletter for single parents called *Single Parent News* and he presently edits a southern California publication called *The One Parent Community Digest*. A single parent for seven years, he has also taught single parenting classes, which, he feels, step-parenting is a logical extension of. He is also actively involved in the campaign for children's rights.

After working as a computer specialist for ten years, Herman now makes his living as a writer. He is presently working on a book entitled "Where Have All the Fathers Gone" and is the owner-editor of *The Corvallis Weekly Guide*.

Herman hopes the class will help participants learn how to better handle their role as stepparents. □

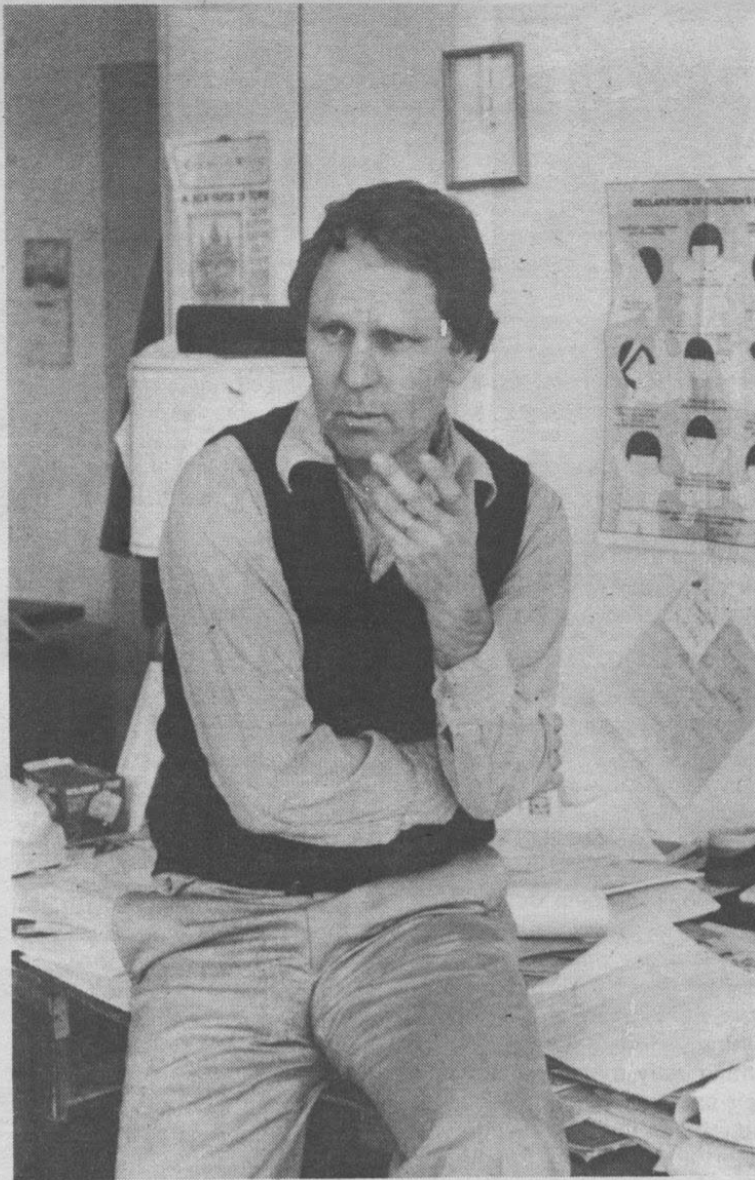


Photo by Dale Stowell

Art Herman

Pot-spraying, a bargaining point for the president

(CPS)— In his recent trip to confer with Mexican President Jose Lopez Portillo over oil supplies and U.S. immigration policies, President Carter may have used continuing American participation in the paraquat program as "a bargaining point."

High Times magazine reports that, whatever President Carter may have gotten in return, the two countries have agreed to continue the bilateral spraying of Mexican marijuana fields.

The magazine quotes an "American cultural attache" as saying "The paraquat program may have become a bargaining point for Carter" during the February summit in Mexico.

White House press secretary Jody Powell acknowledged the paraquat program—known as Operation Condor—was discussed. The discussion, he said, centered on new kinds of "markers" for paraquat-treated marijuana that might find its way into the U.S. The herbicide's health and environmental effects were not included in the bargaining.

The Mexicans were reportedly "shocked" and "outraged" that the U.S. would consider ending Operation Condor. □

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Bottle picking: a new career field?

By Patty Shirer
Staff Writer

Once, kids were the only people out scrounging for bottles and cans for munchy money. Due to the Oregon bottle law and rising costs, many adults can be found peering into ditches and alleyways for discarded containers. Not only has bottle picking become a common practice, but also an admitted habit of young and old alike.

A retired man in Corvallis says only he and his grocery box boy know of his "bottle addiction." Like many bottle pickers, he doesn't want to go public about his habit. However, he would talk about his method of operation.

Wearing a coat with large

pockets for storage and takes a shopping bag in case of a large haul, carries a cane and strolls along unnoticed. He casually turns over bottles and cans with his cane to see if they're good. Then he peers around to see if anyone is watching; if not, he quickly picks up the containers and puts them away. When fully packed, he hustles down to the store for a refund.

One youngster risks the possibility of punishment by being late in getting home from school. He tells his parents of all the bottles and cans he finds while walking home and how hard it is not to stop and pick them up, because it is like leaving nickles and dimes laying in the streets.

One single-parent family thinks it has brought their family closer together. They go on outings where everyone makes a game of finding cans and bottles. Upon returning home, they stop and spend the deposit money for

ice cream. They said, "Its great knowing everyone has helped to pay for the treats."

Another family has it down to a science. They stop and let two members off to walk down each side of the road. Then the driver continues down the road for a short distance and parks the car. The driver walks ahead equal to half the distance of those left out then returns on the other side of the road to the car. Thus the driver gets to the car about the same time as the other two. Sorting bottles and cans is part of the fun and provides a breather. With their return money they buy the extras for the table.

It has become such a regular practice for one family to pick up cans and bottles that if the 4-year-old child sees that they have missed one, she begins to cry and holler. Sometimes it's so bad they have to go back and get it. At age four she can tell what brand and type it is, learning as well as having fun.

Another bottle picking family jumped into their car last

summer and started to drive from Albany to Redmond, John Day, Ontario, Burns, Lakeview, Klamath Falls, Ashland, Grants Pass, Eugene and back to Albany. They camped out, stopped to fish, looked at all the historical markers, went wading in ice cold creeks and saw wild animals.

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves as they stopped along the way not only to see what was around them but to pick up bottles and cans. By picking up the containers, they were able to pay for all the gas and oil as well as the food. They kept a book on deposit money they got back from the bottles and cans as well as how much they spent. To everyone's surprise they actually had money left over.

Besides the monetary return, the environmental impact, the game or thrill of the hunt, it is also a painless way of keeping in shape. □

Brown bagging it

The Experimental College at LBCC will be the topic of tomorrow's Brown Bag Lecture.

The speaker will be Debbie Santo, coordinator of the project. She will be speaking in the Aalsea/Calapooia Room from 12:05 -12:55 p.m. □

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OCE adviser to visit regularly

by Julie Trower,
Staff Writer

A new program will be initiated this term to benefit LBCC students who are planning to transfer to Oregon College of Education (OCE) in Monmouth.

Dr. Richard Scott from OCE will be available once a week in LBCC's Counseling Center to provide students with essential information to help them transfer to that school.

"I can advise students about what courses they can take at LBCC that will be effective in transferring to OCE", explained Scott.

In addition, he will sign a contract with the students, guaranteeing them transfer credit at OCE.

"That will prevent a lot of problems that sometimes occur for transfer students," said Bob Talbott, director of the LBCC

Counseling Center. "Our Counseling Center can't guarantee that transfer credits will be accepted, we can only go by the schools course book."

Scott stressed that students planning to enter into OCE's elementary or secondary teacher education programs any term next year should talk to him right away so he can alert them to important screening tests in April.

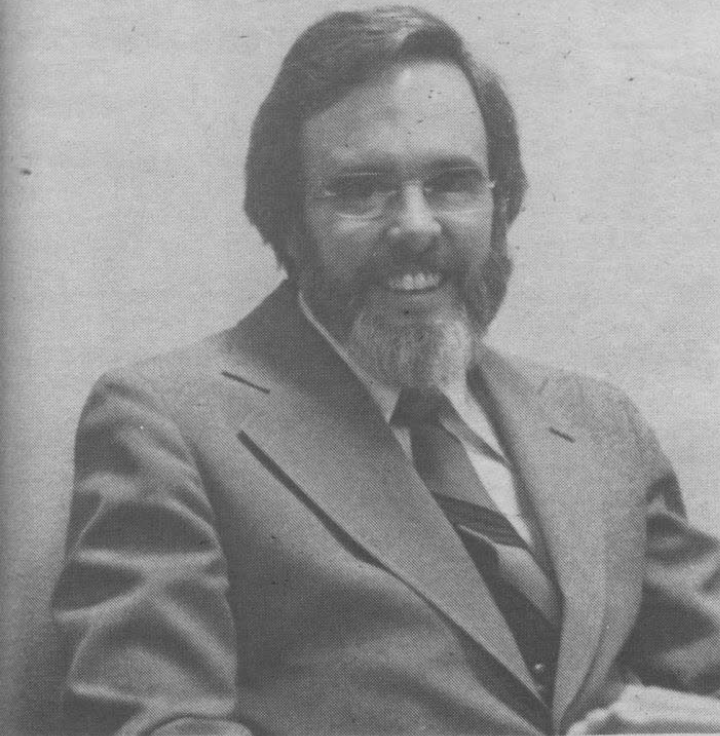
Scott will be in the LBCC Counseling Center every Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. He will also be available to talk to evening students on April 17 and May 15. Students may make appointments through the Coun-

seling Center.

The program was started by OCE President Gerald Leinwald, who worked with a similar program in New York City prior to coming to Oregon.

According to Scott, the program will save time for students and make their transfers easier and more effective.

"We hope that it's a service that students will find attractive and helpful," said Scott who is also visiting Chemeketa Community College to provide the same service. "Students will find that, as a small college (enrollment is approximately 2700), we take a personal interest in the students." □



Dr. Richard Scott

Photo by Micheal Bracher

Merit Rating bill may cut insurance cost

A bill introduced to the Oregon House by Albany Democratic representative Mae Yih would end insurance premiums based on age, sex, marital status, or criminal record.

The "Merit Rating" bill could be particularly helpful to those between the ages of 16 and 24 and to senior citizens. Traditionally, automobile insurance rates have been based on the individuals age, sex and marital status with actual driving record being of minor concern. Merit Rating uses an individuals driving record to compute premiums.

The result of this method is that the majority of younger and older drivers pay for the bad driving records of a few of their contemporaries, according to Yih.

Massachusetts, Hawaii, and North Carolina have already instituted "Merit Rating" systems.

Yih points out that the legislature has required drivers to have insurance and therefore should see that it is available at a reasonable price.

"Merit Rating is an idea whose time has come," Yih said. "Three states have already instituted Merit Rating and it's time that we did the same. Of course," She added, "I expect some opposition from the insurance companies during the (March 29) hearing. But in the long run, I am sure they will support it, too."

Yih's observation is backed up by W. Bryon Tatum, technical director of insurance in North Carolina.

"Our classification plan has been well received by the driving public of North Carolina and has not resulted in the marketplace crisis prophesied by the insurance industry," Tatum said.

However, Oregon Insurance Commissioner Bill Fritz stated, "In the final analysis, the program is too new and untried to adopt at this time."

But Yih contends that "Oregon has always been a leader of progressive legislation. The Merit Rating bill will be in

keeping with the tradition established by the dentist's bill and the bottle bill."

The bill is also being introduced to the Oregon Senate by Senator Jim Gardener.

Anyone wishing to support the bill is encouraged to write his/her representative. □

Co-habitation soars in U.S.

(CPS) —If you, like thousands of other students, are living with your beloved without "benefit" of marriage, you're in good company. The U.S. Census Bureau reports that, over the last decade, the number of such couples has more than doubled. As of 1978, an estimated 1.1 million couples—or 2.3 percent of all man-woman couples residing in the same household—"co-habitate."

Pennsylvania State University Professor Graham B. Spanier attributed the popularity of cohabitating to "parents and society becoming less critical as

long as it (co-habiting) doesn't result in parenthood, and as long as those involved are independent economically."

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Wednesday, April 4

Book Sale, College Center Lobby, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.
New Faculty Meeting, Board Room B, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 5

Full Faculty Meeting, F113, 3-4 p.m.

Friday, April 6

Concert: "Radiant," Commons, 7:30 p.m. - Midnight

Saturday, April 7

Clown Seminar, Commons, 8-5 p.m.

Sunday, April 8

Reception for the Ashland Theatre, Alsea/Calapooia Rooms, 8-11:30 p.m.

Monday April 9

Hypertension testing, College Center Lobby, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Film on Hypertension, Alsea/Calapooia Rooms, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Workshop: Sexuality and the Handicapped, Board Room A and B, 7-9 p.m.

Tuesday, April 10

Hypertension Testing, College Center Lobby, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Film on Hypertension, Alsea/Calapooia Rooms, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Pump Workshop, Board Rooms A and B, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Staff Development Meeting, Willamette Room, 3-5 p.m.

Wednesday, April 11

Mark's America [travelogue], F-104, 7-10 p.m.
Pump Workshop, Board Rooms A and B, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Thursday, April 12

Employers Fair, Alsea/Calapooia, Willamette, Commons, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Pump Workshop, Board Rooms A and B, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Secretarial Seminar, Alsea Room, 6:30-9:30 p.m.

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Student Election Board members are needed for the Council of Representative Elections on Wednesday, April 25 and Thursday, April 26. The polls will be open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. both days. Pay is \$2.90/hr. Apply in CC213.

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