

Ellen Hill elected to OCCSA Executive Council

OCCSA convention dominated by political and racial tensions

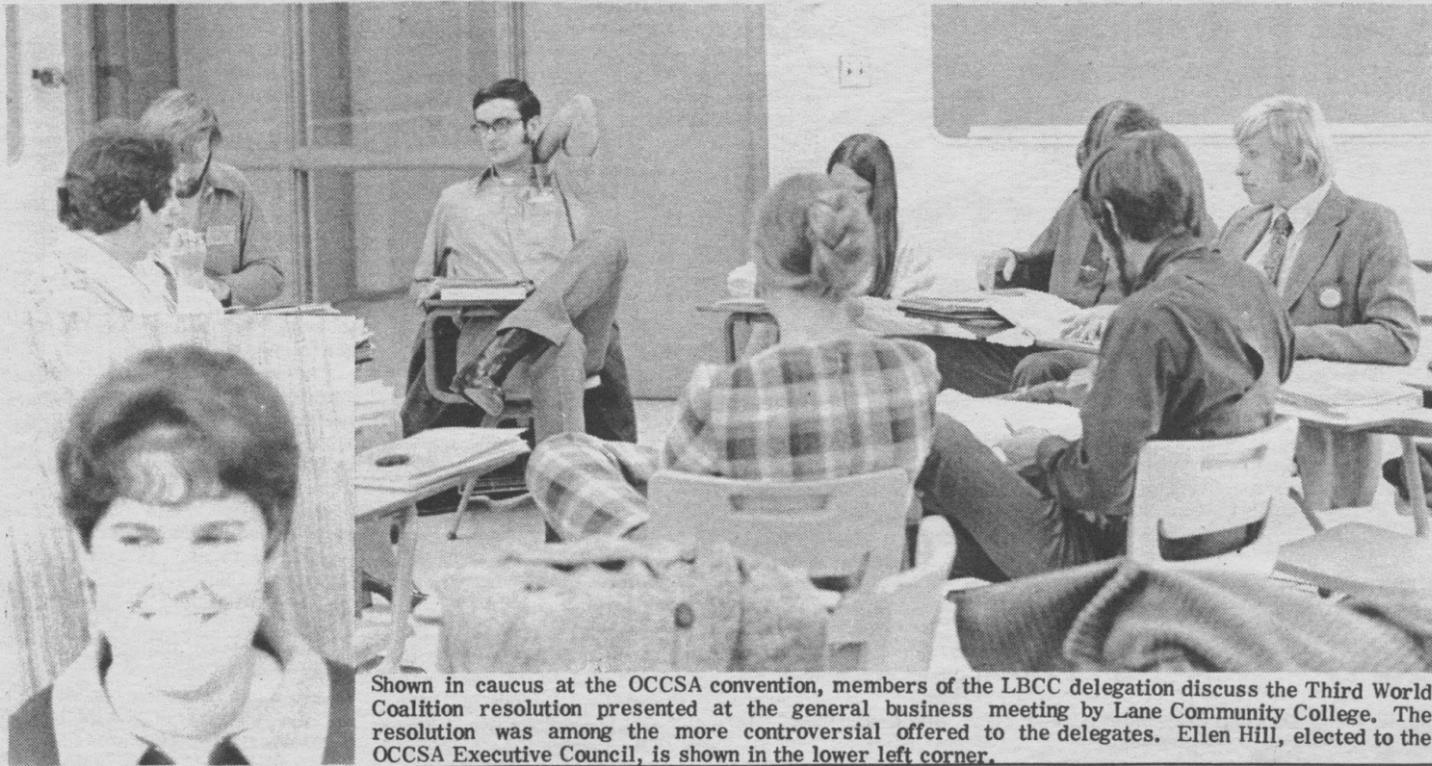
The OCCSA Fall Convention was highlighted by partisan tensions, political debate, and a shock of racism that accompanied a resolution relating to the "Third World Coalition."

The 1971 Fall Convention of the Oregon Community College Student Association was held at Treasure Valley Community College in Ontario, October 21-24.

OCCSA (Oregon Community College Student Association) is the official spokesman of the Oregon Community College Association (OCCA) representing the democratic majority of its members. As demonstrated by the convention, this association exists for the inner-communication of knowledge, the pursuit of truth, the development of students and general well-being within the Oregon Community Colleges.

Twelve community colleges within Oregon were represented at the convention. They were: Blue Mountain, Central Oregon, Chemeketa, Clackamas, Clatsop, Lane, Linn-Benton, Mt. Hood, Portland, Southwestern Oregon, Treasure Valley, and Umpqua Community Colleges. Each school present was entitled to five delegate votes.

Eleven delegates representing Linn-Benton Community College attended. The voting members of LBCC were: Harvey Scott, AS-LBCC Student Body President; Michael Farley, 1st Vice-President; Mary Huber, 2nd Vice-President; JoAnn Olson, Secretary; and JoAnne Williams, Treasurer. LBCC's additional delegates included: Tom Gilbert, one of our three Freshman Senators; Craig Blaylock, representative to the student government for Phi Beta Lambda; Bob Larsen, representative for the Governor's Commission on Youth; Ellen Hill, LBCC's candidate for OCCSA



Shown in caucus at the OCCSA convention, members of the LBCC delegation discuss the Third World Coalition resolution presented at the general business meeting by Lane Community College. The resolution was among the more controversial offered to the delegates. Ellen Hill, elected to the OCCSA Executive Council, is shown in the lower left corner.

Treasurer; Jean Hammel, the Editor for the COMMUTER; and Chris Broders, News Editor for the COMMUTER. Dr. Robert Miller, Director of Student Activities, acted as advisor for the group.

All members of the OCCSA Executive Council attended this convention. These officials are: Walley Lien, President; Jim Babe, Vice-President; Terry Williams, acting Treasurer; Ed Wolfe, Publicity Director; Dean Wilson, Executive Assistant; and Greg Miller, Past President of OCCSA.

The convention officially began Thursday evening, with registration and the welcoming to TVCC and Ontario. The Presidents' Meeting convened at 10

o'clock p.m., and was followed by the first of many informal school caucusses, that were scattered at varying intervals throughout the convention. The purpose of such meetings was to alleviate some of the internal disagreements within each individual delegation.

The first General Business Meeting on Friday morning concerned itself mainly with presenting new resolutions and the introducing of the candidates for the office of OCCSA Treasurer. LBCC nominated Ellen Hill, from Corvallis.

Linn-Benton delegation broke into two groups to cover the first Workshop Session: 1) the "Master Plan of Purpose and Objectives for 1971-72", and

2) the "Regional Concept".

Deliberation, debate, and discussion followed the presentation of the "Regional Concept" first brought to the attention of OCCSA by its President Wally Lien. LBCC proposed the final resolution which was subsequently passed by the general body. It was felt that by developing a closer rapport between the community colleges within specific locales, thereby solving some of the local problems at the local level, OCCSA could become a more efficient organization.

OCCSA will be divided into four distinct regions: the Valley Region (comprised of Lane CC, Linn-Benton, and Chemeketa); the Mountain Region (Central

Oregon CC, Blue Mountain, and Treasure Valley); the Southern Region (Umpqua, SWOCC, and the newest member of OCCSA-Rogue Community College); and the Metro Region (Clackamas, Clatsop, Mt. Hood, and Portland Community Colleges).

Section Meeting dates have been changed from once a month to approximately once every six weeks. Regional caucusses will be held prior to and in conjunction with all OCCSA Section Meetings, commencing with the Section Meeting following the Fall Convention, which will be held on December 5.

LBCC added the note that the Valley Region will hold regional meetings three weeks after each sectional meeting. The chair will rotate to the hosting college which will also prepare the meeting's agenda. It was stipulated that it will be unnecessary for the members within the Valley Region to all vote a political bloc at sectional meetings.

An agenda item has already been decided upon for the first Valley Region Meeting.

Workshops proved to be a vital part of the communicative processes between the participating schools. Friday afternoon, the officers and representatives were given the opportunity to meet and discuss with others of their specific realms, in workshop sessions entitled: Secretarial, Treasurers, Vice-Presidents, Entertainment Directors, Editors, and OCCSA Coordinators. The Editors' workshop was a combination of both journalism members and Publicity Directors.

New Officers installed

The installation of the newly-elected student body officers was held Tuesday, October 26, in the College Center Commons. Dr. Raymond J. Needham, speaking to about thirty students in the Commons, said, "These newly-elected student representatives are moving into a student government which holds the responsibility for making many decisions which will affect students on the campus for years to come." He mentioned the Student Rights, Responsibilities and Due Process at Linn-Benton Community College as an example.

After Dr. Needham had administered the oath of office, Student Body President, Harvey Scott addressed the students in attendance. He said, "There is one thing I hope all of you (fellow students) will remember, and that is we are all students and we are bound to make mistakes - We will need

your support and understanding when we do."

The newly-installed officers are: Mike Farley, First Vice President; Jo Ann Olson, Secretary; Jo Anne Williams, Treasurer; and Tom Gilbert, Rennie Bryan and Dorothy Christman, Freshmen Senators.

Harvey Scott announced the appointment of Freshmen and Sophomore Directors Thursday, October 27. The Freshmen Directors are: Mike Gregory and Sandi Gassner. The Sophomore Directors are: Dan Sorenson and Garry Morse. The Directors were sworn into office Friday at 12:00 noon in the Schafer Lounge. Directors are appointed by the Executive Council and hold positions of responsibility within the Student Activities Council (SAC). Garry Morse will be representing THE COMMUTER at all Student Government meetings.



LBCC President, Dr. Needham, presents the certificate of office to the newly installed members of the executive council, Jo Anne Williams, Jo Ann Olson, and Mike Farley.

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Opinion

EDITORIAL

In the past there have been complaints issued about the activities of OCCSA. Some students complained that student government was spending the students money to travel to conventions that were nothing but giant booze parties. In the past this may have been true but the Linn-Benton delegation that travelled to the fall OCCSA convention deserve nothing but commendations.

Though there was a lot of drinking, as there is at most every convention, the LBCC delegation refrained from taking it to an excess and at all times they handled themselves with decorum. The key thought during the entire convention was that the delegates were there representing Linn-Benton, not solely themselves. As a result, several schools commented on the fine conduct of our delegates.

Linn-Benton represented itself well during the general business meetings and became the most influential and hard working delegation during the convention.

One of the main reasons Linn-Benton remained so singularly powerful was that the entire delegation worked together towards all their short range goals. Campaigning for Ellen Hill, LBCC candidate for OCCSA treasurer, was carried on by everyone in the delegation and all resolutions and ideas were discussed thoroughly by all delegates before any action was taken.

The team work, the responsible representation of Linn-Benton and the working attitude of the entire delegation, all should be taken into account when tallying the benefits of this OCCSA convention.

J. H.

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Faculty Column

ORGANIZED (?) CHAOS

By MAGGIE JO ORSI

Out of the frying pan into the fire is the thought that ricochets through my mind as I leave my chaotic household every day for a chaotic day in the Office of Activities. Even though it's where the action is, sometimes, just sometimes we could do with a little less action. As I step into the College Center in the morning I can hear them saying, "Head her off at the pass — I just lost another dime in the coffee machine!!!" and I try to slip unobtrusively behind my desk only to find someone ready to snatch change from my drawer the minute I get the key in the lock. We hope we're serving some purpose even if it's only to keep the economy going. At any rate, if anyone has a problem that can't seem to be solved in any other office or department, why don't you try us! I'm sure we can come up with something, even if it's just telling you where to go. We're here to aid you in your extra-curricular activities which we hope in some small way will enrich your days at LBCC and hopefully beyond. Come in and say ciao!

Tail Feathers

To the Editor:

The solid pollution in the LBCC College Center needs to be considered by the students of the college. Most of them talk about Ecology and how messy the Lounge and Commons are, but don't really give a damn to put their trash in the garbage can. If one has the energy to stick their change in the machines, walk to a table, sit down and eat or drink, surely after their rest one should have the ability to walk a few feet to a trash barrel and throw away their garbage. But this is not so. It is sick to see a person who doesn't follow the adage "practice what you preach."

Mary Stenberg

To the Editor:

An idea has entered many LBCC students' minds that the OCCSA convention, held in Ontario, October 21 - 24, resolved to and sent a birthday telegram to Wayne Morse. So far so good, as this is exactly what happened.

Wayne Morse said on the news broadcast on TV Saturday night that he had received a telegram from the OCCSA delegates, giving him full support in his political aspirations. WRONG—we said (quote) "We welcome your resurgence on the political scene" (unquote). Note: no comment stating support or resistance to Wayne Morse's political moves.

Bob Larsen

Feedback

By GARRY W. MORSE

The purpose of this column is to inform the students of Linn-Benton Community College of the actions of our student government. This column will express both objective reporting, and opinion. It will be objective when possible, interpretive of meanings and motives of student officers and government when such data is available, and express opinion only when felt necessary to present opposing views or alternatives for the students of LBCC to evaluate.

The first subject to fall under the auspices of this column is the recent exercise referred to as student "elections." Not elections per se, but elections as held here at Linn-Benton.

The recent elections were so mismanaged that some candidates were campaigning within a few feet of the polls, some using LBCC materials to make their posters, and outright lobbying by students trying to get friends elected.

Candidates caught violating campaign rules should be immediately disqualified and their names stricken from their ballots. If measures like this were enforced, a student running for office would make very sure he had a clear understanding of the rules. One student suggested that all campaigning on election days be banned. Not a bad idea. That would, at least, prevent improper last-minute campaigning.

One incident arose concerning the identity of one of the candidates; a student wanted to

vote for a specific candidate — but only knew him by a nickname, so he asked at the poll what the candidates real name was. The particular candidates picture was pointed out in THE COMMUTER, and the question was raised later if this was really proper. The point is that this situation could be avoided by posting a board with each of the candidates photograph and names at both polling spots.

The greatest absurdity is the "secret ballot" joke. In what way is the ballot secret? Is it secret because after you mark the ballot, on the polling table in plain view of anyone that happens to walk by, and then neatly fold it and drop it into the ballot box? No! There is no secret balloting at Linn-Benton.

Voting by secret ballot is a very special right. It should be actively protected by the students. The student government should take it upon themselves to have four (4) voting booths built, two for each polling spot. The booths could be so constructed that when taken down they would fold flat for easy storage.

An alternative to building our own booths, would be contacting the city of Albany and requesting the use of four of the city's voting booths. It could be that they would cooperate with such a request.

Whatever method is used, steps should be taken before the next election to obtain voting booths.

Staff Column

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TV IN SCHAFFER LOUNGE

By ELLEN K. HILLEMANN

For the enjoyment of students, faculty, and others, let there be a TV in Schaffer Lounge, especially for those of us who enjoy watching "Wild, Wild, West" at 4:00 p.m. on

Channel 13, in color.

It would be an additional source of recreation and, of course, it would be educational if one chose to watch an educational program.

When films are not being shown, then the TV could be watched. This would increase the use of Schaffer Lounge.

Calendar of Events

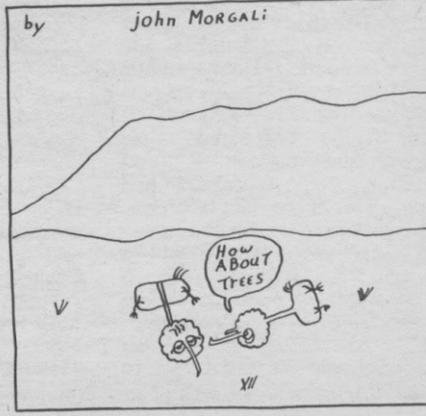
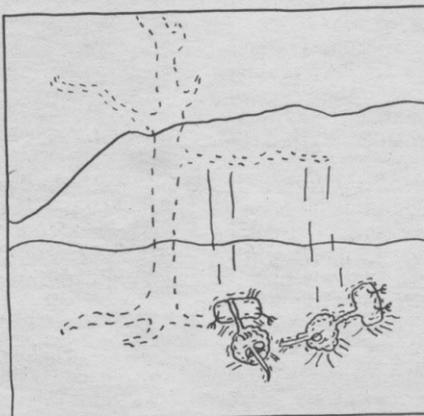
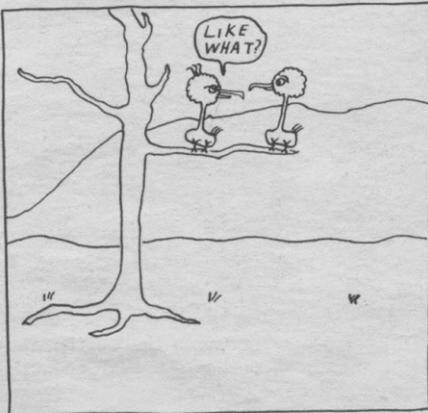
November 1 — Coffee Concert, Buzz Martin, Center Commons, 1:30 p.m.

November 2 — Student Government Senate Meeting, Schaffer Lounge, 11:30 a.m.

November 2 — Phi Theta Kappa, Conference Room, 12:00 noon.

November 3 — Jesus for Lunch Bunch, (bring a sack lunch) Board Room, 12:00 noon.

November 7 — Car Rally, Mid-Valley Run, College Center, 1 p.m.



Features

OCCSA continued—

Racial tension

Lane Community College proposed a resolution stating that "the OCCSA should take action to join their brothers and sisters in solidarity and in genuine support of 'the Movement' to achieve true equality, respect, and recognition . . ." of the Third World (ethnic peoples of color) Coalition.

This resolution failed on the first ballot, but a call for reconsideration was made by Chemeketa. On the second ballot, the resolution was passed by a small margin of votes.

Linn-Benton opposed the resolution. Harvey Scott stated LBCC's reasons: "We felt the Third World Coalition was segregating the students as a whole into ethnic groups, thereby causing a split within the organization. The stated aim of 'solidarity' in itself was contradictory to what we felt the end result would entail."

The motion to reconsider was followed by a gut level innuendo — "... You're all a bunch of mother-***** racists. That embarrasses you, doesn't it? Now you know how it feels . . ." — demonstrated by a delegate from Lane.

General consensus of Linn-Benton's delegation was that this theatrical ploy was only a stab at the emotions of the general delegation, and showed the speaker's level of maturity eloquently. One of our delegates stated that "I feel pity for him because the only thing his blast accomplished was to show the general body what an ass can prove."

Greg Miller and Dean Wilson structured a resolution dealing with increasing the number of community college credits that are transferable to an Oregon 4-year college. Oregon State University now accepts 108 transferable credits from a community college. Other Oregon colleges should follow OSU's policy, but such action should not be a contributing factor to the increase of graduation requirements. It was further resolved that OCCSA will use all available resources to implement this action.

A Good Student Discount Rate for Auto Insurance exists in thirty-eight states, but not in Oregon. LBCC brought up a resolution that OCCSA set up and form an Ad-Hoc committee to research the possibilities of offering a good student discount rate for Oregon students, ages 16 - 24. This proposal passed by unanimous decision. The

Ad-Hoc Committee formed by the passage of the LBCC introduced resolution will be chaired by Harvey Scott.

The forementioned resolutions are but a small portion of the total business accomplished during the convention.

Hill elected treasurer

Linn-Benton's candidate for the office of OCCSA Treasurer, Ellen Hill, was elected to the state position. She will assume her duties as treasurer following an auditing of the Association's books. There were only two candidates campaigning for the office. Her opponent was Susan Kallowats from Chemeketa Community College.

Ellen Hill was "very pleased to be elected." She also added, "I think OCCSA Treasurer is an important position, and one in which a great deal can be accomplished for the organization."

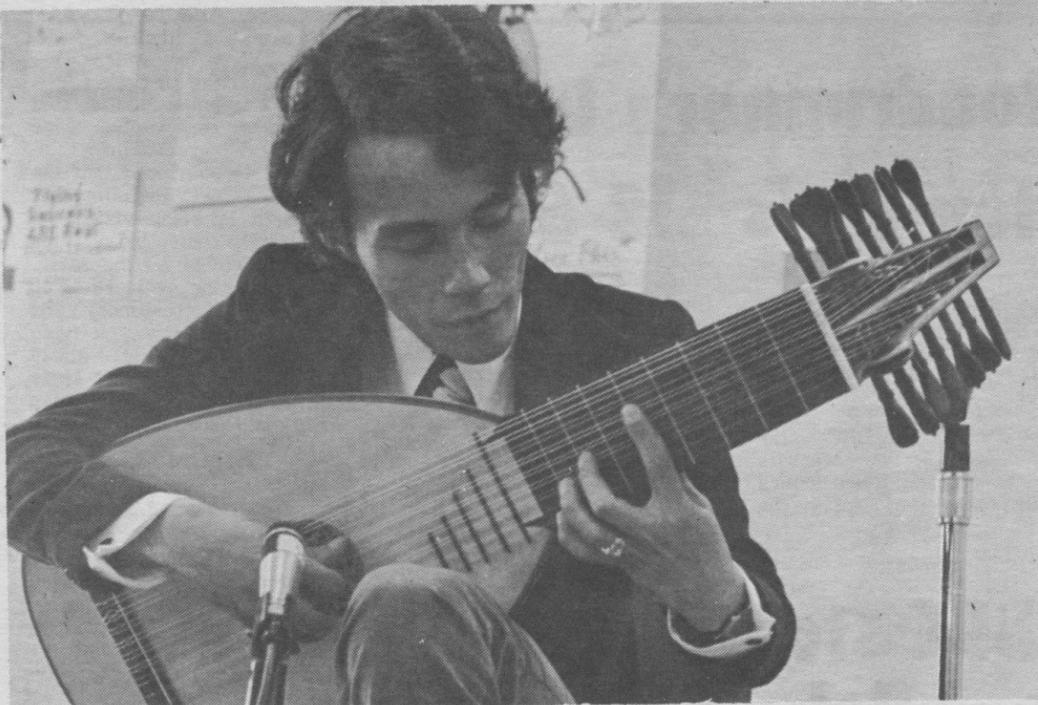
"Compared to the Section Meeting held in Roseburg, this convention was very productive. Delegates left the convention in a more cohesive manner as far as respecting, knowing, and in some cases, admiring their fellow students from other regions of the state," said Bob Larsen.

One of the OCCSA Executive Council members was heard to say that "the Linn-Benton delegation was one of the main contributing forces to the effectiveness of this convention. They've really built up their image as a concerned body of people."

This convention was the first OCCSA function that JoAnne Williams, AS-LBCC Student Body Treasurer, had ever attended. She commented "I was impressed with the cooperation showed, not only within individual delegations, but in OCCSA as a whole. The issues we covered in the workshops and the resolutions put before the general body are very important to college students. I don't think enough people realize the profound effect that OCCSA has on them."

Travelling home from the long week-end spent in Ontario, Dr. Miller, looking back on the accomplishments achieved at the convention, stated "Electing Ellen as Treasurer was not only a vote for her as an individual, but a vote of confidence for the entire Linn-Benton delegation."

Audience appreciative Jeffrey Chinn played to capacity crowd



Jeffery Chinn plays to a capacity crowd during coffee concert on October 20. Besides performing on the lute, pictured, Mr. Chinn also played the classical guitar.

There was a lot of lute going around the Center Commons October 20 and it wasn't the type of loot you'd get out of the cash register at Chubby's Corner.

This lute produced classical music which was expertly executed by the fleet fingers of Jeffrey Chinn, classical guitarist.

During the first half of his performance, Mr. Chinn captivated his audience with music from the Renaissance period.

Lute music was quite popular during the Renaissance in Europe, and later in England it became as popular as today's trend of listening to the radio. Starting out in the musical

world, the lute made its first appearance as a 10 string instrument. It then graduated to 13, 15, 19, 20, and finally in Germany, 24 string.

Among the selections played on the lute by Mr. Chinn were two "Allemandes" by John Dowland, "Tarleton's Resurrection" also by Dowland, and "Heigh Ho Holiday" by Anthony Holborne.

One piece entitled "Fantasie" by Gregorio Huewitt, a composer from Belgium, was unique in that it is a free form lute piece. Most lute music is played for dance music while this solo is not.

Along with each song, Mr. Chinn also gave brief back-

ground sketches of the songs and composers for the benefit of the audience.

Guitar solos played by Jeff Chinn included "Prelude" by J. S. Bach, "Bouree," also by Bach, "Suite in A Minor" by Johann Froberger and "Grande Overture" by Mauro Giuliani.

Aside from the serious mood it takes to create classical music was a visible sense of humor which Mr. Chinn used to loosen up the audience.

At one point, Mr. Chinn posed the question of possibly having an electric lute. He then thought a minute and decided it would be better to have a steam powered lute if anything at all.

Bob Larsen appointed

Bob Larsen, currently a student at LBCC, has been nominated by the AS-LBCC Executive Council and selected by the Governor to serve on Governor McCall's Commission on Youth. The term of office began officially on October 20, 1971, and will end April 23, 1972.

Bob is a 1968 graduate of Lebanon Union High School. He attended grade schools in California, Hawaii, Rhode Island, and Japan.

After graduation from LUHS, he served in the U.S. Marine Corps.

Chemistry is Bob's major, and OSU will be his goal in the future.

Colonel C. V. Larsen, USMC (ret.) and his wife live in Lebanon. Bob has three older brothers, two of whom attend LBCC night classes, and the third who is a full-time student at Lane Community College.

Bob was a representative for LBCC, under the auspices of the Governor's Commission on Youth, at the OCCSA Fall Convention. He also attended the Section Meeting at Umpqua CC for OCCSA earlier this year.

Science broadens

The physical science staff instructors would like to establish a series of high-level science seminars oriented toward stimulating the serious science student.

The staff instructors propose to cover topics of interest to students which are not amenable to general classroom discussion. It is hoped to interest a broad cross section of science students and staff in these seminars and solicit participation in planning and presenting topics of current interest.

The topics covered in these seminars will be those that the interested science student brings up in class but, because of class schedules, are not fully discussed.

Materials and current experimental data or results not available in the classroom will be used in these seminars to illustrate and explain the various topics chosen.

The first seminar will be held on Wednesday, November 3rd, at 12:00 noon in C-4. It is tentatively planned that there will be one seminar per month with topics ranging from cancer research to physics, to methods of waste treatment at our cities' disposal plants. The first seminar is titled: "Toward Absolute Zero: Experimental Methodology" and the speaker will be Dr. Pete Scott, Chemistry.

All interested students are invited to attend.

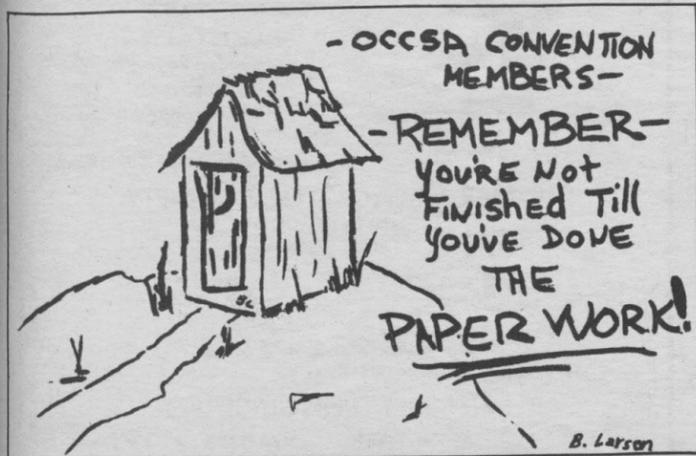
Bake sale successful

Monday, October 18, the first day of the bake sale, was considered profitable by the sponsors, the Dental Assistants Club. Becky Cronin and Alice Blacksmith helped in the selling, which took place in the College Center Foyer from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. They netted approximately \$20.00, selling so much that they were left with only enough food for about one more hour of business. As the sale is to continue Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., more food will have to be made.

This method of gathering funds was taken from similar efforts of last year, which had brought satisfying results.

The Dental Assistants Club—consisting of 19 members—needs funds badly to apply to the costs of workshops, clinics and conventions. And, should their idea for a car pool go through, they would also have money for gasoline.

They are not depending completely on the proceeds from this sale alone to cover their costs for the rest of the year. They plan to sponsor such events every month, and to eventually present a fashion show.



Sports

Roadrunner's Dump Humpty's 18-6

The Roadrunners losing their first game to Humpty's, handed them a solid defeat Wednesday night, October 27, by a score of 18-6.

Bob Brown, the LBCC star end, caught a Tom Mechals pass to put the Roadrunners out in front. Dan Lipsey, the

flankerback, got his hands on a Mechals aerial to score. Tom Chase, center, caught a pass over the middle to score. Tom is known to most of the student body as Mr. Chase, English Instructor. He is the only faculty member on the team. Mike Stardom scored Humpty's only touchdown.

LBCC stomps Duraflake 60-6

The Roadrunners went on a touchdown spree to down Duraflake, 60-6, in a flag football contest Saturday, October 24.

Alternating quarterbacks, Tom Mechals and Larry Clack, completed seven passes for touchdowns. They teamed up with end Bob Brown and split-

end Dennis Cohn for two touchdowns apiece. Dennis Abeene, Dan Lipsey, and Pat Boughanan each caught a scoring pass. Larry Clack ran the end sweep to each side for TD's. Clack also ran back an interception 50 yards for the tally.

Duraflakes only score came on a touchdown by Larry McGill.

News briefs

Serious science lunch scheduled

"TOWARD ABSOLUTE ZERO" . . .

Experimental Methodology. That's the title of Pete Scott's seminar for serious science students and staff to be presented November 3rd, 12:00 noon in C-4, a Wednesday. It will be the first of a series of high-level science seminars, it is hoped. The topics will be those generally not amenable to classroom discussion, but of a broad interest range.

Slow break basketball

Dr. Miller, Director of Student Activities, announced Friday that an organizational meeting for all those interested in fast and slow break basketball will be held in the Schafer Lounge, Wednesday, November 3, at 12:00 noon.

The teams will be entered in City-League competition.

Draft counselor available

Mrs. Marilyn Mayhan, from the Corvallis Draft Information Center, will be counseling young men regarding draft informa-

tion every Wednesday morning from 8:45 to 10 a.m. in the College Center Foyer. She will continue this activity until student interest in seeking draft

Stulman convocation cancelled

Julius Stulman, renowned author, publisher, and President of the World Institute Council, was scheduled to give a convocation before Linn-Benton students, on November 5. Unfortunately, this event has been cancelled.

As of time of publication, no reasons were given for cancellation.

Bervin offers Writers aid

Mr. Art Bervin, LBCC writing instructor, is available for individual tutorial assistance to any student seeking help with writing problems.

Hours for such assistance are 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Tuesdays; at 10:00 and 12:00 a.m. and from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Thursdays; and at 10:00 a.m. on Fridays. During these hours, Mr. Bervin will be in the LRC.

information abates. Students seeking more detailed counseling are advised to contact the Corvallis Draft Information Center, 3311 N.W. Polk Street, Corvallis, Oregon 97330. Telephone calls will be taken Monday through Thursday from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. The number to call is 752-3569.

Are UFOs for real?

Stanton T. Friedman, nuclear scientist, presented two well attended lectures to LBCC students, faculty, and others October 22nd. His second lecture, entitled "Flying Saucers Are Real," in C-4 at 11:00 a.m., was illustrated with slides, some of which were actual photos of UFOs.

Mr. Friedman stated that after more than twelve years of study and personal investigation, he is convinced that the evidence is overwhelming that the earth is being visited by intelligently controlled vehicles whose origin is off the earth. The convincing evidence is in the form of testimony and pictures from witnesses (from all over the world) whose character is such that their testimony about anything else would be accepted as valid. Mr. Friedman is, of course, only concerned with those sightings which remain UNIDENTIFIED after investigation by competent investigators spending enough time and effort to eliminate perhaps 80 per cent of the reported sightings as either IDENTIFIABLE or "Insufficient Information."

For more than 24 years reports from thousands of witnesses from all over the world have consistently described objects (not just light sources) having definite size, shape, texture, protuberances, and a distinctive "behavior" which indicate that the objects are both manufactured rather than natural phenomena and under intelligent control. The combination of round, symmetric, wingless craft able to hover, fly vertically and horizontally at very high speeds and to make almost right angle turns, usually noiselessly, rules out terrestrial origins as does a history predating man's recent space exploits.

"None of the arguments presented by the older naysaying scientists against the possibility of UFOs being visiting vehicles from off the earth stand up under careful scrutiny. For example, there are some excellent UFO pictures showing no evidence of fakery; UFOs have been reported by scientists, astronomers, pilots, policeman, orbiting astronauts, and control tower operators. UFOs have been observed over cities and in the country, at night and during the day, on the ground as well as in the air. Observations frequently last for more than 30 minutes and there have been many multiple witness reports as well as simultaneous radar and visual reports. Perhaps of most importance are the published scientific studies which

show that trips from earth to nearby stars are feasible with the knowledge we have today without violating the laws of physics and with round-trip times shorter than 50 years," said the nuclear physicist.

Mr. Friedman's published studies indicate that the term Earth Excursion Module is far more descriptive than UFO since EEMs have many features in common with our own Lunar Excursion Module. These include the ability to hover over, land, and take off from, unprepared sites in the boondocks, to rendezvous with a mother ship, and to carry strange looking Humanoids who wander around, collect specimens, and then take off. The fastest manned flying craft now in use are the round, symmetric, squat, wingless, tailless, Apollo Command Modules which look far more like reported UFOs than like normal airplanes. EEMs make good sense.

Though not noted in Dr. Condon's summary of the recently completed U. of Colorado study of UFOs, it was found that 30 per cent of the 117 reports examined in detail could NOT be identified as other than UNKNOWNS. These included three sightings by orbiting astronauts and several radar-visual cases lasting for more than one hour. A special UFO subcommittee of the prestigious American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics stated that it could not find a basis in the Condon report for Condon's prediction that nothing of scientific value would come from further studies. "The opposite conclusion could have been drawn from the content of the report, namely that a phenomenon with such a high ratio of unexplained cases (30 per cent) should arouse sufficient curiosity to continue its study." An earlier and much larger scientific study found that 20 per cent of the 2200 sightings investigated also had to be labelled UNKNOWN — completely separate from those sightings labelled Insufficient Information. The higher the quality of the sighting the more likely it was to be labelled as UNKNOWN. Misleading press releases were issued after both studies.

"The real problem with UFOs

is a psychological one. Many older eminent scientists are unwilling to give up their notions of Earthman's uniqueness and their own importance. A 'laughter curtain' has been erected which keeps most UFO observers from reporting their sightings and prevents most scientists from getting publicly involved in UFO investigations. However, a very large scale, recent, poll of scientists and engineers reveals that the 'silent majority' of these professionals DO believe that UFOs exist, and do NOT believe that the Condon study provided definitive solutions to the UFO problem. Half of those expressing an opinion about the origins of UFOs specified 'outer space,' and a full 8 per cent said that they had definitely observed a UFO in addition to the 14 per cent who believe that they may have seen one. 76 per cent said that they did NOT believe that the U.S. Government had revealed all its information on UFOs.

It seems strange indeed that while the search for extraterrestrial life and the development of advanced propulsion systems are definite national goals, no money is being spent to make measurements of UFO characteristics though there is an enormous amount of data available on which to base such an effort. However, we are spending \$1,000,000,000 to land a "black-box" on Mars to tell us about Martian microbes and at least that much on the development of advanced aircraft — none of which will have any of the very many attractive features of UFOs. I content that we have the manpower and technology to obtain solid scientific data — from the surface of the earth — which will both prove the existence of intelligent extraterrestrial life (non-microbial) and to formulate an entirely new electromagnetic approach to flight . . . noiseless, pollutionless, able to go "up-over-and-down" without huge airfields. I believe that these objectives can be achieved for less than \$1,000,000 and challenge NASA to do so. With man having walked on the moon it is time to confront the most important scientific and challenging problem of our time."

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