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% tuition increase is 11.9% to students

by Jeff Feyerharm

A proposed 8% increase in tuition actually mean an 11.9% increase in tuition for a student taking 13 or more credit hours.

According to Jack Liles, assistant to the president, the administration's 8% increase came from figuring the increase in the total amount of revenue generated by next year's tuition over this year's. This increase figures to be 8%.

When the administration calculates about 11% of this total increase is the result of higher enrollment for next year. This leaves a difference of 8%, the amount the administration is using to ask for a tuition increase.

For the student, however, the increase in tuition cents per credit hour plus paying for the thirteenth hour results in a 11.9% increase per credit hour.

The thirteenth hour is reflected in the incidental fees paid per credit hour. At present, \$1.15 incidental fee is paid per credit hour. The extra hour the student will pay next year will generate an additional \$1.15 for every student taking at least 13 credit hours (an 8.33% increase).

Tuition
 '75-76 \$7.60/hour x 12 hours = \$91.20
 '76-77 \$7.85/hour x 13 hours = \$102.05
 % increase = 11.9%

Incidental fees
 '75-76 \$1.15/hour x 12 hours = \$13.80
 '76-77 \$1.15/hour x 13 hours = \$14.95
 % increase = 8.33%

An open discussion on the advantage and disadvantages of the tuition/incidental fee increase has been set for next Thursday, Feb. 3 from 5-9 p.m. in the Santiam Room. □



B. Le Roux

It works! The recently installed security system in the library has "reminded" more than one red-faced student to check out their books before leaving.

Proposed ACCF budget

General Revenue areas....\$143,000	Proposed	This Year
Student Government	\$10,100	\$5,530
Reserve	\$13,800	\$10,000
Extracurricular & Intramural Sports	\$2,000	\$3,000
Collegiate Athletics	\$2,860	\$2,200
Arts & Technology	\$34,888	\$29,550
Center Facilities	\$3,163	\$4,740
Center Programs	\$5,250	\$4,300
Contingencies	\$5,028	\$4,260
Budget	\$8,731	\$6,600
	\$11,924	\$12,030
	\$29,110	\$24,335
	\$16,146	\$13,685
	\$143,000	\$120,230

ACCF Budget is too lengthy to fit in the *Commuter* in its entirety. The complete budget can be explained in the College

The public meetings for the ACCF Budget will be: Monday, Feb. 2, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the

Willamette Room and Tuesday, Feb. 3, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in Board Room A. □

Fast fingers feud rages

LBCC typing champion holds record at 115 wpm

by James Gray

Why are the names Candy Stark and Cindy Epps of so much importance? They are LBCC's fastest typists ever.

"We went to high school together," says Candy, "but we've gotten to be rivals since then."

Candy is very competitive, and that's her advantage," reminded Candy. "I'm still the champ." Candy has won away at 115 words-a-minute, while Cindy types at 112 wpm.

"I really surprised myself with that typing," recalls Candy, when she set the school record. "My previous best had been around 108 or so, but 115 surprised me a little. And I made two mistakes, on the words 'and' and 'the'."

Candy's story is different. She had always typed better and faster than Cindy, but was really disappointed when the news got around that she was no longer number one.

"Being runner-up isn't what I want to be. I still have another term left of typing, and I'm going to beat her," says Cindy.

Candy has no typing credits left. It will be a duel with her back turned.

"I'm going to beat her," confides Cindy.

"Don't say that! She'll never beat me," yells Candy.

"You just wait, I will," Cindy shouts back.

"You're just jealous," smiles Candy.

The rivalry is mounting. The future lies in Cindy's hands—or fingers, you might say.

The two went to high school together, but competition wasn't so important then. Cindy was the fastest of the two, typing 106 words-a-minute, while Candy was only clicking away at 98 wpm.

The girls choose LBCC, and when

typing teacher Jay Brooks heard about them, he wanted to start a rivalry.

"He kept telling me I could beat Cindy," Candy explained, "and he was right." On the second-to-last day of spring term, Candy typed 115 words-a-minute in a three minute timing.

Cindy thinks it was just luck, and she's out to prove it. "It's hard getting to the top, but I'm going to get there again," she says, "and with a little luck, I'll be able to stay there this time."

The secret to their success is playing a musical instrument, the two girls agree. Cindy plays a flute and Candy plays the piano. "Playing an instrument gives the fingers practice and helps with eye and hand coordination," advises Candy. It appears that younger typists, who think of someday attending LBCC and going for the record, should take up a musical instrument of some kind, and

practice, practice, practice. "It's all in the fingers," mentions Cindy.

"I've been told that I have fast hands," winks Candy.

"It takes a fast mind too," corrects Cindy, still seeing herself as number one.

The girls agreed that more practice is needed with the little fingers, than any other fingers.

"The hyphen key is my weakness," revealed Candy. "I just have trouble reaching that key." The same holds true for Cindy; however, it's the "z" key that she dislikes.

Whatever, both Candy Stark and Cindy Epps are fast girls—typing-wise that is. Candy holds the record. Cindy wants it.

"I'm going to beat her," promises Cindy. "I know...."

Candy walks away—laughing. □

EDITORIALS

Average student overlooked in student activities programs

by Judie Engel

If you are 27 years of age, then you are the age of the average student attending LBCC, and frankly I am wondering about you.

You have been accused of apathy on this campus. I wonder if apathy is acceptable, especially if one has more important things to do.

I am also wondering if maybe you simply haven't the time to attend the "free" (don't forget you are paying for these films) movies on campus, or cheer the basketball team to victory. I wonder if maybe you aren't busy with a full or part-time job, taking care of your children or just plain studying.

When you pay your tuition or do business with the LBCC Bookstore, you are paying for these activity programs by helping to support the Activities and Co-Curricular Fund (ACCF), and I sincerely hope you are benefiting from your money. But I doubt it.

There are certainly some good programs supported by ACCF, and I am not suggesting doing away with ACCF.

I do suggest, however, a total re-evaluation of the programs involved in ACCF, by an objective group, preferably by someone not attached to LBCC.

My concern lies with who the majority of students are who are benefiting from ACCF.

I am aware that upon registration, a survey of students was taken concerning ACCF. But I worry about this survey being fair, in that those who answer may be only a minority of students, and we will still not be hearing from the average, majority student.

The average student at LBCC is not fresh out of high school and yet I see a minority group of students involved with ACCF functions who are definitely not

over 25.

When asked if he felt the ACCF was fair to the average student, Bob Miller, director of the College Center replied, "It is fair in that it is available to all students."

This, I do not find exactly comforting.

It seems to me that if you are going to make something, "available to all of the students," you had better make sure that a majority of them are interested in what you've made available to them (especially when it's their money you are using—\$120,000 budgeted for this year).

Instead of marking up supplies in the Bookstore and turning some of the profits into ACCF, why not mark them down and forget ACCF? That, for sure, would be "available to all of the students."

Judy Green, coordinator of Student Activities, feels that "activities are a necessary part of college," and asks, "Can't you just imagine what a cold, sterile place this would be without them (activities)?"

Frankly, yes I can.

It may come as a shock to some people, but there are many students at LBCC who are attending classes for the sole purpose of learning, and could care less about shooting pool, watching movies or even reading this newspaper.

Ironically, I am writing this editorial for a newspaper that is funded by ACCF. But the same policy should stand for it also. If an objective evaluation should show that no one reads this newspaper or that there is not a cross-section of students benefiting from its lab, then it too should be eliminated.

Tuition increase actually 11.9% ; taxes and salaries go up too

by Jeff Feyerharm

Do you feel an 8% tuition increase is reasonable? How would you feel about an 11.9% increase in tuition and an 8.33% increase in incidental fees?

Well, it's happening! The increase the administration is asking for is actually an 11.9% increase to the student taking 13 or more credit hours (see story on page one).

A tuition increase should be a tuition increase. This proposed tuition increase is, in actuality, also an increase in the incidental fees. In fact, the increase in incidental fees totals 8.33% (for the student taking at least 13 hours).

These fees go to the Activities and Co-curricular Fund and to the Curricular Supportive Services (for such things as lab equipment, welding rods, etc.).

The ACCF committee did not ask for an increase in its revenues. The budget it is deciding on presently does not include an increase. If the "tuition increase" is passed the ACCF will have more money than needed to run the student activities planned for next year.

Possibly the extra money earmarked for incidental fees (as a result of the extra hour paid) could be put toward tuition or cut from the increase altogether. This would make the amount paid by a full-time (13 hour) student \$115.85 instead of the proposed \$117.

Why is the tuition going up in the first place? To keep the students paying in the 15-20% limits set by the Board of Directors, according to the administration.

Inflation and an increase in enrollment have also been used as reasons for the increase. The increases, however, are above the cost-of-living increases. Also, it seems that an increase in enrollment would generate enough additional tuition to cover the increased enrollment. (As indicated by the administration's figure of about an 11% increase in tuition due to enrollment increases—see front page story).

Could the intent of the increase also be to appease the voters of Linn and Benton counties? Will the voters feel better about their tax increase if the students help ease the burden by paying more tuition?

What happens to the student who owns his or her own home? This is the person hurt most by the increases in both tuition and taxes.

An educational institution, such as LBCC, should be an educator of the community and set an example as such. The administration of LBCC effectively reflects the institution's priorities to the community.

Perhaps, in good faith, the administrators of LBCC could ask that they receive only a cost-of-living increase for next year.

In the proposed budget the top twelve administrators (in the \$20,000 bracket) are receiving an average increase of \$2,229.58. The increases range from 6.35% to 12.78% with most increases being above the 10% mark.

Perhaps the show of good faith by the administration would appease the voters and the students.

"We have one of the lowest tuitions in the state," commented Ray Needham, president of LBCC, while discussing the proposed tuition increase.

Hopefully, this is not being used to rationalize the increase in tuition. The same logic would bring us to believe that since we are very honest we can tell a few lies!

Is this increase in tuition out of our hands?

No. The LBCC Board of Directors is having a meeting Feb. 3, from 5-9 p.m. in the Santiam Room for the public to express its opinion of the increase.

If the Board meets and the people who are against the increase do not present their case, the Board members will have no alternative but to come to the conclusion that the students of LBCC are in favor of the 11.9% increase in tuition and the 8.33% increase in the incidental fees.

In conclusion, I would like to point out that the tuition increase now rests in our hands. The administration has made up its recommendations. It is now up to the students to stop the increase in tuition or incidental fees or both.

If you aren't present next Tuesday to be heard, don't bitch next year when you're paying your tuition. □

LETTER

Tuition increase completely unjustified

The proposed increase in tuition at LBCC is completely unjustified. While students who make \$500 or less are having an increased amount of money taken from them in the form of tuition, administrators at this campus are receiving \$2,000 and \$3,000 a year raise to keep up with the cost of living.

I guess the administrators have decided since we, the students, are so poor anyway it won't hurt us to be poorer; and since the administrators are highly paid, let's pay them more. The rich get richer and the poor get poorer.

I can see only two solutions to this problem. We must attend the LBCC Board sub-committee meeting on Feb. 3 and let them know that we have to pay our bills too. If they (the board) decide we can eat soup bones and live in a tent, then our only solution is to vote a "no" vote when the budget is presented before the voters.

We must convince the board students paying more tuition will make more yes votes at the polls.

Fred L. Southwick

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Opinion

Captain Moron for President

When you have scaled scaleable mountains....when you have fought resistable forces and lost....when you have seen the heights of human glory and chosen to live in the gutter instead....when you have read great literature and instead chosen to read pornography....when you have met inspiring people and chosen to associate with the scum, muck and vermin of the earth....when you have gazed out of the window of your abode and looked upon the madness below and said, "No, thank you, none for me!"....when the fleas of a thousand camels have come to infest the only pair of underwear you've ever owned....when you've been caught red-handed with your digits in the public wallet....when you've declared yourself innocent and not even a moron would believe you....when the best and worst of things cannot be discriminated from the convolutions of pre-pubescent anal-ogous tissue to what some people are reputed to think with....when you have done all of these things you can stand up with pride in your eye and a bottle of beer in your hand and say...."Thank God, I'm an American."

Thank God I'm an American

Yes, thank God I'm an American. I say that we will all stand as one and reach toward the heavens and praise the Lord and just clap our hands together in unison. Yes, Captain Moron has looked, studied and seen the ills that there are in American society. Yes, in the face of indefatigable odds all 3'1" of Captain strode forth to proclaim his belief in the ability of the American political system to preserve, promote and protect ineptitude. One becomes President, after all, by not irritating anyone too much. True, Captain Moron is not as tall and as good looking as Woody Allen. He doesn't have the piercing intellect of Gerald Ford or the 500,000 Democratic presidential candidates. Captain Moron sometimes has difficulty in telling the difference between political chatter and the old cowabunga. But Captain Moron has openly pledged to do his best to enrich himself at the public expense. We thought you'd like to know....

And society? Phwshaw!!! Captain Moron has contempt for all of it. Freaks calling Rednecks, Rednecks calling Freaks, Freaks. Lower classes down on the middle classes. The middle classes hassling about the upper class for paying no taxes and some of the lower class for getting all of the taxes. The Right wing against the Left and the Left against everything. Middle of the roaders feeling like they are on the L.A. freeway. Is that anyway to run a country? Silence Dogood would puke! Is that a United States?

We're going to put people like you where they belong

"Golly, I sure am glad that I'm a Moron and don't understand any of it at all," Captain Moron once mused as our myopic misanthrope merrily strode in Black face (a'la Jolson) to a Ku Klux Klan gathering.

"Gee, I hate, hate," said Captain Moron as he stood looking closely at the cross which he thought was a street sign directing him to where he would fulfill his destiny—Trenton, New Jersey. Boy, Captain Moron really got burned up about that one. And all for a lousy costume party too. But then everyone is trying to be something that they're not so what the heck.

"Well fella," they once promised Captain Moron as he was being arrested in a raid on a dirty book store. "We're going to put people like you where they belong."

And it was true. Yes, that very night Captain Moron decided that he would come to the American people in their moment of need....during their trials and tribulations....when the chips were down there he stood....MORON.

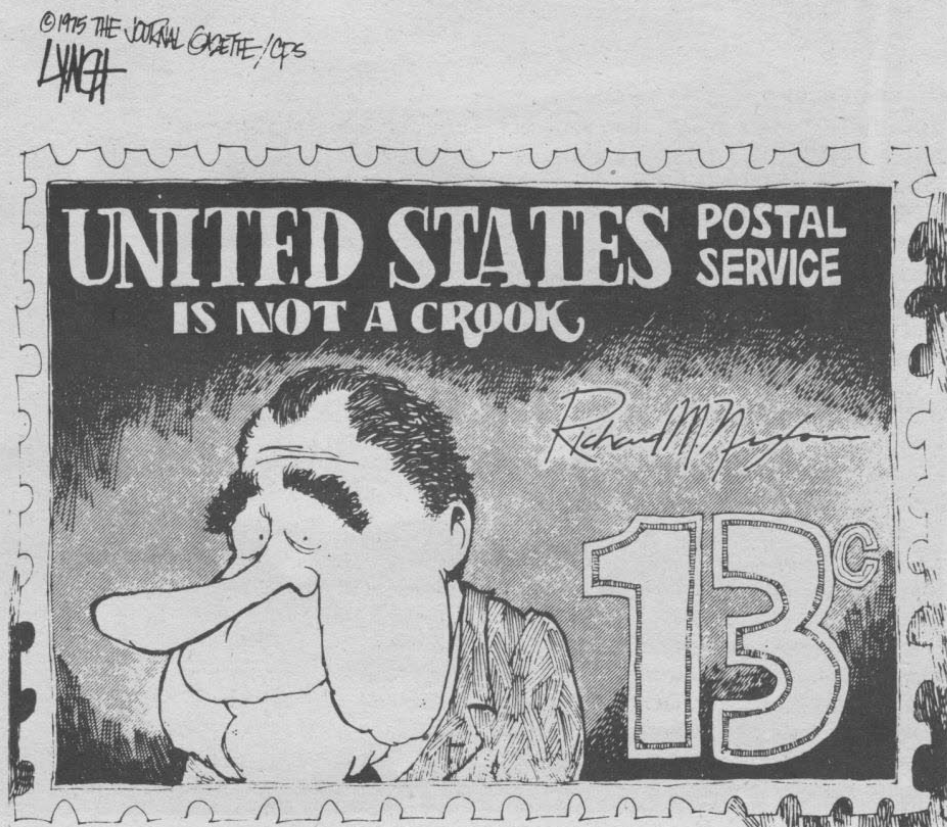
Always quick with a bribe, sure to steal anything that isn't nailed down, it was Captain Moron. Speaking the truth to animals, children and any other fool who would listen, Captain Moron beat his intellect to a white fury of intensity for a solution to the problems racking the country today. And the people have responded. They want New York City bombed since they figure that it must have been that way for all of these years anyway. The people want Captain Moron to re-name the White House. It is the desire of the people to see the United States under the supreme leadership and guidance of Captain Moron. For Captain Moron is the quintessence of American politics. He is as dishonest as mock apple pie.

Don't you see, America? Only a Moron who says to hell with your vested interests can lead us now. Only a Moron who is not a product of this political system can save the country now. Ask not what your government can steal from you, write in Captain Moron. That is A MESSAGE to the system and finally a chance for Captain Moron to have a house in the center of town.

Where did we ever come up with our Imperial Presidency? And you always thought that all men were equal. Hell, even Captain Moron knew that this wasn't the case when he took his draft physical.

PEACE AMERICA, you need some. □

[ed. note: This article came to me in the mail recently. It was not signed and there was no explanation as to what it is. However, I was moved by Captain Moron's plea to America. Next week I hope to run the Captain's Presidential campaign promises. Stay tuned.]



the veterans voice

HEARTS AND MINDS, a Viet Nam movie to be shown Fri.

by Bob Lincoln

Those who came and talked to speakers Frank Wilkinson and Congressman Jim Weaver, seemed to come away with "enlightenment." Whether it was just reaffirming their previous views or actually acquiring new knowledge or insight will be a question best answered by those who attended.

To me it was a chance to confront Jim Weaver with issues and problems that are threatening the destruction of our society. From Frank Wilkinson, it was adding more information on the most repressive legislation in American history—Senate Bill 1, which is probably going to pass through the senate.

If anyone has any suggestions on speakers they would like to see on campus, contact Bob Lincoln, Bob Warnick or the Vets Association.

On Friday, Jan. 30, LBCC Vets will be presenting the movie *Hearts and Minds* in class education. The movie deals with

the Viet Nam "war" as an American experience. It is the most devastating account of war I have ever seen. It clearly brings into focus government policies that are still being used. No matter how tired you are of seeing and hearing about Viet Nam; you have never seen or heard an honest documentary like this one.

I highly recommend this movie for all. It is rated R because of the violence of war. It will be shown in F 104 on Friday, Jan. 30 at 7 p.m.

JOB REFERRAL

The Veterans office does have a job referral service. It is designed to help you, whether you are looking for part-time or full-time work. The service has one important limitation, it only works if you use it. To get to know you and your needs, fill out the card below and drop it off at the Vets office or give it to Fred Ott or Bob Lincoln. □

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HAVE TRANSPORTATION: YES _____ NO _____

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Steve Hagstrom

Drummer "smokes the skins" at recent jazz concert in Commons.

by Steve Hagstrom

The LBCC Jazz Ensemble hosted Lane Community College last Monday night for the LBCC Instrument Donation Drive.

The Jazz Ensemble held the concert in an effort to acquire instruments for the Music department.

The Music department is trying to build its supply of instruments by asking anyone with an unwanted instrument in reasonable condition, to donate it.

Gary Ruppert directed the ensemble in four numbers, Tamba, Circumvent,

Bunch of Blues and Spain.

The ensemble consists of saxophones, drums, trumpets, trombones, electric piano, electric guitar and bass.

The LBCC Jazz Ensemble played until 8:30 when (after a quick adjustment of the lights), the Lane

And all that jazz

Community College ensemble over.

Under the direction of Gene Lane played six numbers, including "Arrival", "College", "Gee O Kruphe" and featured a vocal solo by Janet Reeves.

The Lane Community College ensemble had played only twice in front of an audience before playing at Lane. One of the musicians expressed feelings for the night's music in getting "a little out of tune at times."

The LBCC Jazz ensemble played some of the local high schools spreading its plea for instruments.

Review

Virgil and Julie dazzle crowd with many magical thrills and entertainment

by T.R. Gregg

Magic, over the years, has become more widespread and common. The air of mysticism has faded away, it has become just entertainment.

Last Friday night in the LBCC Forum, eerie music set the mood. As Virgil Mulkey stepped onto the stage, he said, "We have traveled the world over seeking some of the great mysteries that you shall see here tonight."

Virgil Mulkey, or "Magical Mulkey" as he was known in his early career as a magician, began in vaudeville back in 1925. He had with him a beautiful young blonde assistant, Julie. It was there in vaudeville they remained as Virgil put it... "until talking pictures... that's what we called it back then." From there they got involved with theatre, later deciding

to join forces and change their show name to "Virgil and Julie." They traveled the United States and Canada and about 32 other countries. Since their travels abroad, they have incorporated several amazing and exciting tricks into their act.

The audience watched with mouths open as Virgil levitated Julie, leaving her suspended in mid-air without visible support.

Audience participation was highlighted throughout the show... such tricks as locking a series of wedding bands together, donated temporarily by some members of the audience.

"Julie is a mentalist," Virgil said. "She is involved with ESP and other psychic phenomenon. She also has an

amazing photographic memory."

Her skills were put to the test as she was blindfolded and placed at the back of the stage. The audience then called out words that were written on the blackboard at random numbers from 1 to 20. Julie then called them back in sequence from 1 to 20, then in reverse from 20 to 1... seemingly, an impossible feat!

Another interesting trick that Julie did blindfolded, with assistance from Virgil, was to move a giant knight over a huge chessboard, touching every space once without landing on the same space twice.

Virgil mentioned to me, before the show that, "We prefer to be called illusionists. We do what others claim to be impossible," he said... and I must

agree with them.

With their finale, The Great L Seance, a mastery of the magical they succeeded in baffling the audience with what they called "spirit assistance" feats. Virgil put Julie in a trance. Volunteers from the audience bound her and fastened her to a chair. A staple tins were placed on the floor behind her and the curtain was drawn to her from the audience. One of the volunteers from the audience dropped his jacket behind the curtain. Within split-second, tins went flying everywhere, the curtain was opened and there was Julie still tightly bound with the jacket on.

The entire show was truly a worthwhile experience. I must admit it was "one fantastic night." □

Calendar

<p>WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28-</p> <p>BASKETBALL: LBCC vs Lane 7:30, here □</p> <p>Christians on Campus 12-1 p.m., H 211 □</p> <p>CHAUTAUQUA: Strawberry Jammin' 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Aisea/Calapoolia Rm. □</p> <p>OREGON INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Commons lobby □</p> <p>VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION COUNSELING 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Commons alcove □</p>	<p>SATURDAY, JANUARY 31-</p> <p>BASKETBALL: LBCC vs SWOCC 7:30 p.m., there □</p> <p>GYMNASTICS: LBCC, Pacific, & OSU, 6 p.m. at OSU □</p>
<p>THURSDAY, JANUARY 29-</p> <p>BOWLING: LBCC vs Portland State 3:30 p.m. at Lakeshore Lanes □</p> <p>MOVIE: Hearts and Minds 11 a.m.-4 p.m., F 104 □</p> <p>BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING 7:30-10 p.m., Aisea Rm. □</p>	<p>SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1-</p> <p>Nothin' □</p>
<p>FRIDAY, JANUARY 30-</p> <p>BASKETBALL: LBCC vs Clatsop 7:30 p.m., here □</p> <p>Christians on Campus 12-1 p.m., H 211 □</p> <p>CHAUTAUQUA: Strawberry Jammin' 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Aisea/Calapoolia Rm. □</p>	<p>MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2-</p> <p>STUDENT SENATE 4-6 p.m., Aisea Rm. □</p> <p>LUNCHEON: Students with Ray Needham 12-1 p.m., Aisea Rm. □</p>

M.S. week in Feb.

by Rex Bush

Plans are being made for a Multiple Sclerosis week on campus Feb. 16-20.

R. "Sparky" Varner has initiated the drive. Working with Clackamas Community College student body President Gordon Hiuras.

Activities scheduled for the week will include a swing choir concert, a tricycle race and a scavenger hunt.

Varner indicated that the campaign's primary objective will be that of raising funds for the Oregon Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Multiple Sclerosis is a nervous disorder found commonly in cold, damp climates.

Contributions of time and talent are being sought by Varner.

Sympathizers are encouraged to contact Varner at the student senate office. M.S. committee meetings are held each Thursday at noon. □



Steve Hagstrom

Sax player caught jazzing around in Commons last Tuesday.

Nursing program expands

by Gary Randolph

The Associate Degree Nursing program at LBCC is apparently a very successful one, considering that all graduates have passed the State Board of Nursing licensing exam.

The original nursing program has grown since its beginning in 1970. This year a Gerontology program (dealing with the aged), a high school Nursing Assistant's program and a Nursing Refresher course were initiated.

The possibility of a Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN) program is being investigated.

Jack Liles, a spokesperson for the LBCC Board of Directors, indicated, "there is no formal decision on the LPN program."

"However, hospital officials have indicated to us that there isn't enough room to conduct an additional class

without interfering with hospital procedure," said Liles.

"The only alternative left to the LBCC board," said Liles, "is to make the recommendation not to have a Licensed Practical Nursing program."

Adella Wood, chairperson of the associate degree program, said, "I would like to add a practicum (a practical experience course) or a six week summer seminar. This would give students an opportunity for increased clinical experience."

Facilities used by the students presently to obtain practical experience include new and fully equipped labs at LBCC, Albany General Hospital, Good Samaritan Hospital (Corvallis), Lebanon Community Hospital, Linn Care Center and Corvallis Manor. □

Programming Council sets agenda

by Denise Olson

The Programming Council set a tentative agenda for the Bicentennial Week during its meeting Jan. 20. Activities will include a costume dance on April 3, a piano concert on April 7 and a performance by the Mountain Dance Troup on April 8. Other activities in the planning stage include a photo contest, a coloring contest and an arts and crafts fair.

It was decided that a \$300 moving fee will be paid by the council for the transfer of a baby grand piano from Salem to LBCC for the concert given by LBCC music instructor Gary Ruppert.

The theme of Ruppert's piano concert will be "All American Music," coinciding with the Bicentennial Week scheduled for April 2 through April 8.

In other matters, the council tabled the appointment of a new student senator to replace Bob Warnick. A motion passed unanimously to table the issue until the next meeting, allowing interested parties time to attend a senate meeting to get a general idea of the responsibilities involved before accepting the position.

A petition concerning the Wizard's Pinball Club asking for recognized and funded status was also tabled until a club representative can appear to better define the purpose of the club.

The next Programming Council meeting will be Tuesday, Feb. 3 at noon in the Willamette Room. All Programming Council meetings are open to the public. □

Miscellany

OSU open house

There will be an open house at OSU for prospective new students on Jan. 31. Persons interested in attending should contact the OSU office of Student Services so that a description of the program can be sent to them. □

Day care openings

There is presently space in the Corvallis Latch-Key Center for the day-care of children, (6-14 years old). Costs range from 75 cents to \$3.67 daily, based on family gross income. For information call 753-0191 or 753-1138. □

Flea market in Commons

A Flea Market is being sponsored by the Marketing Management Organization in the LBCC Commons on Feb. 14 and 15 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Anyone wishing to reserve a table can call 928-2361 ext. 261 or 340, or they can send \$3.50 to LBCC, C/O Jay Brooks, 6500 S.W. Pacific Blvd., Albany.

Reserving a table at the door will cost \$4. □

The *Commuter* would like to express your creativity.

Examples of student creativity from all over the campus will be displayed in the *Commuter* sometime this term.

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FarAfield

Late night flight into fantasy

Bebopping in bed with my magic fingers

by Bill Lanham

It was late at night.

"That was a great concert," I thought to myself as I entered my room.

Sitting on my bed, I glanced across the room at my guitar. I wasn't really tired and I could use the practice, or so my friends told me.

Soon I was gently strumming. C, D, A, B, C, D, A...

It was a catchy beat, and I began to tap my toe to the rhythm. I usually have a problem getting into my music but this night, it was working. I picked up the tempo a bit.

I was bopping on my bed, and now both feet had begun to shuffle a bit.

"Dance magic fingers," I commanded. C, D, A, B, C, D, A...

Without hesitation I went from strumming to a quick little picking. At times I was closing my eyes in heavy concentration.

Soon my whole body was writhing. The bed was too restricting for this type of playing. I stood, eyes closed, feeling the frets slide beneath my fingers, total euphoria. I could not control myself and began to quickly repeat some lyrics I had learned.

Even my voice sounded good, I thought as the lights went out.

It was peaceful in the darkness but the peace didn't last. A light was shining in my eyes, it shown in a circle around me...Like a spotlight.

The room began to get warm as I played harder.

A cheer went up, and I played more aggressively.

"Rock n' roll," I yelled and began to hammer out the monster chords. C, D, A, B, C, D, A...

Waves of people in front of me, like a single giant body. A band in the back. It was amazing how that many people could fit into my small bedroom.



The music blasted on and I began to lose control. I dropped to my knees at one point and played a run that Jimi would have been proud of.

By this time my clothing had changed. I now wore green silk overalls with bright red, kneehigh platform boots; a big change from the woolen shirt and blue jeans I had worn to the concert.

By this time the crowd was on their feet. I hoped my bed could hold the weight.

On I played. C, D, A, B, C, D, A...

I'd never heard my "ax" (or guitar) sound like it was blaring that evening. An acoustic, making the sounds of an electric.

Whirling, I did a flip, all the while playing the familiar chords.

The crowd was at a peak, it was time for the last touch, the grand finale. I raised my guitar above my head and started swinging it in circles, all the while playing the feed-back. C, D, A, B, C...

Teeth clenched, I threw the guitar high into the air, and caught it, the crowd took it in, they loved it. I did it again.

Quickly, I ran at one of the amplifiers, and like a lance I jabbed the guitar through, pulled it out and thrust it in again.

Smoke started pouring out and sparks flew.

"Eureka," I yelled as a deafening explosion threw me against the wall.

The show was over.

"Son, what's going on in there," my mother's quiet voice inquired from behind the door.

"Nothing," I said, as I undressed and went to bed.

It was late. □

Animal barn being built by construction-carpentry students

by David Gosser

The Animal Science Program at LBCC will soon have an animal barn for its program. The barn is being constructed by 20 students enrolled in the Construction Technology/Carpentry Program under the supervision of instructor Henry Day.

The foundation for the barn was done by a professional contractor. Other than the foundation work, the students will finish the project by themselves.

The barn project was started in mid-October, 1975 and is scheduled to be finished by the end of spring term according to Day.

This is not the first time students have undertaken such a project. Last year the students built a house in the housing development north of the campus.

Mike Brown, a first-year student at the time, helped with the construction. "We built the house from the ground up including the foundation work," Brown said. "We even did the painting, inside and outside. When we finished the project, the house was ready to be

occupied," Brown said.

According to Day, the only work the students did not do was the electrical work, plumbing and heating installations.

Republic Development, the contractor on the housing project, provided a donation to LBCC earmarked for the Wood Technology Program in return for the student's efforts on the house building project, said Day.

According to Ray Jean, director of Facilities and designer of the animal barn, the barn cost LBCC approximately \$10,000. If the project had been contracted out, the cost would have been around \$25,000.

These students will not only gain much experience working on the barn, they will also save LBCC about \$15,000.

Don Russell, a second-year student in the program, stated, "The objectives of the program are to learn all aspects of the house construction field, with the goal of becoming a supervisor or foreman on construction projects." □



Dave Alexander

Moat forms around new animal barn as construction nears completion.

The proposed LBCC to Albany bicycle path plan waits on bond issue

by John Miller

For those of you who are looking forward to breaking out the faithful 10-speed as soon as the sun makes its short but sweet appearance this year, there is some bad news. You may have to put up with another year of cars-seeing-how-close-they-can-come-without-hitting-you as you peddle along the highway from LBCC to Albany.

The plan to get the state to put in a bike path beside the existing highway from LBCC to Albany (and possibly from LBCC to Corvallis) is at a temporary stand-still.

According to Phyllis Williams, student body president, the committee which was looking into the bike path was disbanded because the chairperson

and some other members of the committee transferred to other schools. A new committee chairperson, student Senator Rod Ortman, was appointed last Tuesday to take over the project. According to Ortman, he is waiting to hear from the State Highway Department.

Lynn Mckibben of the State Highway

Department said that the state was for putting in a bike path if funds could be found to pay for it. "The money for such a path," said Mckibben, "would come from a bond issue."

If the path is not built this year, may God be with you as you peddle from LBCC to Albany on your two-wheeler. □

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Roadrunners tackle Titans

by Bill Lanham

After playing under tremendous pressure one would expect, and need, some relaxation, but the LBCC basketball team can't.

Last Friday the Linn-Benton basketball team was able to hand Judson Baptist of Portland a 82-79 setback, after three overtimes.

Tonight the Roadrunners can look forward to taking on Lane Community College. Currently, the Titans and LBCC are in a third place tie, both sporting 4-2 records. Clackamas and Umpqua share the conference lead with 5-1 records. Central Oregon Community College is in sole possession of second place with a 5-2 record.

Tonight's game is important for both teams with co-leaders Clackamas and Umpqua also squaring off tonight.

A win by LBCC over the taller Lane team would put the Roadrunners in a three-way tie for second place.

In the Judson Baptist game, LBCC had three opportunities to win with last

shots. As it turned out though, the third time was the charm, as forward Nick McWilliams hit a jump shot with three seconds remaining in the third extra period.

"I didn't think it was going to go through," McWilliams said of the game winning shot. "It didn't have much arch."

Before the game could end, Linn-Benton guard Mitch Posey was fouled, and sank one of the charity shots to clinch the win.

Paul Poetsch led the Roadrunners with 20 points. His final basket being a 20-footer at the buzzer to put Linn-Benton into the first overtime. Greg Lewis and Pat Rooney both collected 16 points, while teammates Bob Wagner and Posey had 11.

Wagner and Rooney led Linn-Benton in rebounds with Rooney picking off 9, and Wagner dominating the boards with 21 rebounds. □

Interpretation

No athletics merely rumor

by Bill Lanham

In recent weeks the ACCF budget has been a main news item, both in the newspaper and to the students.

Controversy has arisen from the budget and, more specifically, the Athletic Department's allocations.

The tentative budget allows for roughly \$34,000 for the funding of intercollegiate sports.

A big question has come up. Why have athletics at Linn-Benton? After all, when the college was created it was stated there would be no intercollegiate sports.

Students who have been circulating petitions or have confined their gripes to lunchroom tables have used the "no athletics" statement as an argument.

"Nobody has ever stated there will be no athletics," Ray Needham, president of LBCC, said. "If someone has said that, it was from a personal view, not an official statement."

Where then did the statement come

from? Certainly it couldn't be one big fabrication.

Needham explained that before Linn-Benton was created or even thought of, some people were trying to start a Linn Community College.

LBCC Placement Director Jim Waggoner was on the committee for the Linn Community College.

"The first proposal was Linn Community College. When it was sent to the State Department it was not accepted. In that proposal athletics were not included," Waggoner said and went on to explain, "The second proposal was for LBCC, and athletics were included in that."

There was about two years between the proposals.

"LBCC has nothing to do with the Linn Community College idea," Needham says.

So the rumor is squelched, but not the uprising. □

Harold & Frank by *Harold & Frank*



Baseball All-American

Elam receives top awards

by Bill Lanham

Last Wednesday night, (Jan. 21), LBCC baseball star Steve Elam was presented two awards at the half-time break of the LBCC-Chemeketa basketball game.

The first award Elam received was the Big Stick, sponsored by Rawlings and Spaulding. The honor came as a result of having an outstanding batting average in the northwest district. He hit .366 and collected 15 home runs. Elam's

slugging average was an incredible .914.

Elam was also selected All-American. The plaque he received encompassed every community college in the United States.

"He is an excellent big college prospect," baseball coach and Athletic Director Dick McLain said. "He'll probably play beyond that [college]."

Other awards that Elam has collected are, NJCAA All-American, All-District 7 and All-Region 18 first teams. □

Trackmen travel to Portland

by Bill Lanham

Winter is a time for snowmen, skiing, hot cozy fires and track.

This Saturday, eleven spikers from Linn-Benton will journey northward to compete in the Portland indoor track meet. The meet will be held in the Coliseum.

"It's a fun meet," track coach Dave Bakley said. "It's good for a break in winter training."

Leading the contingent will be Pete Sekermestrovich and Don Dean. Sekermestrovich will be running a race that is about as long as his name, the 60-yard hurdles. Dean, the conference longjump champion, will compete in the triple and

long jumps.

Don Milay will join Sekermestrovich in the hurdles.

The 400 meter race will feature two Roadrunners, Scott Brady and Randy Westbrook. Both have run the 440 under 50 seconds.

In the high-jump, Bob Keith will represent Linn-Benton. This summer Keith jumped 6-11.

Tim Weller will be pole vaulting in the Portland meet. Weller was second in last year's AAA high school meet, with 14-9.

Also competing in the meet from LBCC is a 1600 meter relay team. The team will be made up of the foursome: Brady, Westbrook, Malcom Johnson and Bill Lanham.

Bakley is looking for a good performance from his group which is the largest LBCC has ever sent to the meet. The coach stressed the fact that the meet was to be relaxed.

"It's not a do-or-die type of thing," Bakley said. "We're just going to go up and have some fun." □

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Home court favors win

by Nick McWilliams

Did you ever wonder how basketball powerhouses such as UCLA and Marquette University roll up their incredible win streaks at home? Marquette recently had a 90 home game win streak, snapped, and UCLA currently has gone five years without a loss at Pauley Pavilion.

Despite the outstanding talent displayed by these and other hoop squads year after year, they have another legendary aspect of the game working in their favor. This is commonly referred to as the home-court advantage.

The home-court advantage is created by many factors. Perhaps the most influential factor involves the friendly fans. Friendly to the home team at least. While the cheering crowd encourages the home team on to victory, their screaming can have an adverse effect on the opposition, causing them to play below their potential.

Another factor contributing to the home-court advantage involves the players and their familiarity with the court and the basket. A player's confidence automatically rises when he is familiar with his target.

Unfamiliar lighting and floor surfaces are less significant items which may hinder a player's ability to play at full potential. The gym lighting changes with the school, which may cause a slight flaw in even the finest shooter's eye. New tartan floors have been developed and are a huge contrast to the conventional wood floor.

The final major factor is the man in black and white, known as the referee. Contrary to the official's beliefs, their calls tend to sway toward the home teams as the game progresses, and are known to raise many a gray hair on opposing coaches over the years.

It all evens up in the end however, as

the coach who once was pulling his hair out at a visitor's court can relax with friendly surroundings and officials when returning to his own floor.

For this reason, most coaches accept the fact of the presence of the home-court advantage. They must count on the wins at home and fight for what they can get on the road.

Coaches disagree on the actual worth of the home-court advantage in terms of points. Although the average varies, most coaches will concede a seven to ten point advantage to the home team. Some suggest UCLA's Pauley Pavilion and Oregon's "pit" provide the team with 15-20 points before the teams take the floor.

Linn-Benton's overall basketball record this year supports the home-court advantage idea. In eight home games this season, the Roadrunners have compiled a 7-1 mark, their only loss coming in overtime to a tough Lower Columbia club. On the other hand, LBCC's squad is 2-6 on the road so far this campaign.

Other sports, including football, maintain the home-court advantage but not to as great a degree. The major difference lies in the officiating, as more judgment calls are made in basketball than football.

How do you beat the home-court advantage? No one has the answer to this question yet. Coaches can only stress to the players to keep their poise and stick to the game plan. Getting rattled at the fans or officials is the downfall of many a team on an opponent's court.

One thing is sure. As long as fans are hungry for victory and referees are human, the home-court advantage will remain. □

Looking for a job?

Find experience first

by Rex Bush

Would you like to gain work experience while still in school, and earn credits at the same time? It is possible, with Cooperative Work Experience.

Marv Clemons, coordinator of Cooperative Work Experience (CWE), stated that since experience is a big factor when looking for a job, the program affords students an opportunity to acquire valuable experience while earning credits toward a degree.

Credits may be earned at the rate of one credit hour for every thirty hours of work experience.

John Gallagher enrolled in the Refrigeration Repair program expecting to be in school for two years, and then in training, before opening his own repair

shop.

"You can only learn so much in a classroom," says Gallagher.

Gallagher, a former U.S. Air Force aircraft engineer, will be able to open his shop upon completion of the two-year program. His involvement in CWE will make this possible.

Clemons stipulates that a person's work experience job have some relationship to his course of study, or be in some field where the student is considering a career.

The program meets the needs of many future minded individuals on the LBCC campus. Those interested may contact Marv Clemons in the Activities Center. □

Benton Center robbed of \$120

by Judie Engel

One hundred twenty dollars was stolen from the LBCC Benton Center in Corvallis. It was discovered missing Jan. 18.

Sally Wallace, secretary at the center, said the burglars gained entry through a

window cutting themselves in the process. She explained that the burglars took only the money, leaving quite a bit of expensive equipment.

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