



ROUNDUP



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Third book published for Stevens

CHRISTIAN STEVENS has all the traits and accoutrements of an Irish vagabond--including a part-English sheep dog named PERCY.

Stevens, a willowy, 40-year-old Language Arts Instructor at Lane Community College now has three published books to his credit and is in the process of developing two more.

"I've always been writing wherever I was or whatever I was doing. I've wanted to write ever since I was just a little kid."

Born in Great Falls, Montana into a writing family, he "worked on my father's small weekly newspaper for a while. I've done just about everything on a newspaper--copy boy, cub reporter, correspondent, everything. Then I sold my first fiction story at 16."

Working at the writing trade, he traveled through Mexico, the United States and Europe. While in Ireland he met and married Nuala Walsh of Dublin. Their family has grown to include six children, whom Stevens described as "critics disguised as leprechauns."

Stevens said that six children, a wife and a dog don't hinder him from writing, although "I have the noisiest kids in town." His eyes laughed. He leaned forward and relit his pipe. "Ever since they were babies they could spell O-U-T, and they knew what it meant. In Great Falls I wrote religiously, on a schedule. I write early in the morning and late at night and on holidays. But out here things have been different--the change, moving and all."

Stevens said he has two more novels in which "the first drafts are done. They were done a year ago." He stopped, tapped out his pipe, filled and lit it again. "One of the big problems is that I can get distracted. In the past few years I haven't done as much writing; with teaching I just didn't have the time."

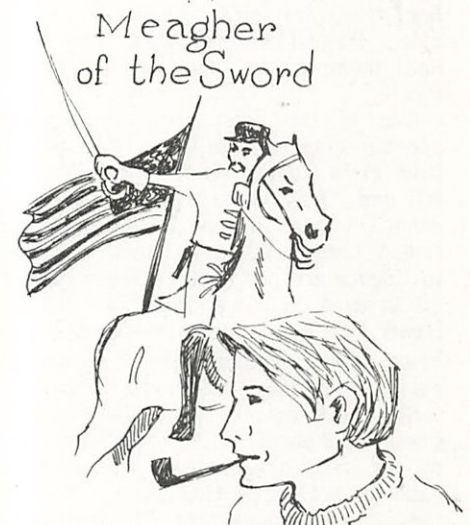
Stevens' most recently published book, MEAGHER OF THE SWORD (pronounced Marr) has won the Edith Busby Award as an outstanding book for young people. It is a story of "Thomas Meagher, one of the great heroes of Ireland. He was a great guy--he was exiled by Queen Victoria. His life is fascinating--what a life! He was

turned on at 11 and was never unplugged," Stevens said nodding his head, his blond hair flopping.

"I could find nothing on his life up to 11 years, so I flash back to him at age 11. He is walking up a hill in Ireland that I used to walk up often. He is going away to school and he is very concerned with this. It's the first major move, moving away from home. I had a lot of fun with that," he said, biting on his pipe. "He then goes on to be a general, explorer, writer, Indian fighter, and even is marooned on an island. He was the first acting territorial governor of Montana, although most people don't know that he is the same person as Thomas Meagher of Ireland. The book is a dramatization of his life. It is some fact, some fiction. A lot of the characters are real, I changed the names and added dialogue. And some of them I invented.

"I received many rejection slips. Then I sent in to Dodd, Mead three chapters and an outline, and I didn't hear from them for three years. Finally I wrote and asked them to send it back, and a little post card came and it said, 'We are reading your book. We like it and would like to buy it.' So then I had to finish it. It isn't a book of 'Old Glory' and all that. It is a novel of principles that I believe in."

Stevens has also written YESTERDAY'S GRAMMAR and a serial, CRY OF THE CURLEW, both of which have been published.



Christian D. Stevens

"I wrote a boy's adventure serial that was published in a weekly, hundreds of short stories, a lot of criticism, and some poetry."

He has spent 12 years teaching English and is a '69 recipient of the E. Haris Harbison award for distinguished teaching. The award is given by the Danforth Foundation, and was awarded to Stevens for his work at Great Falls. He has been on leave from the College of Great Falls to teach at Lane, and will return in August to Great Falls.

Child Care Committee in progress

GLADYS BELDEN recently attended a workshop in Portland with other community planners. The workshop was entitled Community Coordinated Child Care Planning, and, according to Mrs. Belden, was concerned with "federal funding to help community workers develop comprehensive plans for child care."

During the workshop a child care plan for the Portland area was developed. Mrs. Belden said this plan would be used by other areas as an aid to develop their own program.

Eugene's committee concerned with child

care, with David Kuhns, chairman, and Mrs. Belden, executive secretary, has recently been working on its own program. Mrs. Belden said they were developing "an overall plan for child care for Lane County." She explained that this includes "day care centers, family day care, care for children before and after school--all care for children outside of the home." She said that immediate activities will be to "develop a chart for the organizations and agencies outside the home. This will show the needs and where the agencies can expand and

Mary Merrill — an instructor day and night

MARY MERRILL helps her students run computers all day, then helps them run their lives at night.

Mrs. Merrill, special programs instructor at LCC, spends much of her time counseling, day and night.

"You have to want to teach to be a special program instructor," Mrs. Merrill said. "If you don't want to commit yourself, you shouldn't be there. When a girl comes in in the morning with tears in her eyes, you don't send her to someone else. I handle emergencies. When I can't help them, I take them to someone who can."

One of the outstanding points of the special classes, she said, the fact that "the girls stick together. I have had some tell me, 'Mrs. Merrill, before I came to school, I hated Eugene. I didn't have one friend here. But now I think the people in Eugene are just great.' These girls are all in about the same situations: divorced, lonely, living on welfare--these classes bring them together where they can help each other--they encourage each other."

She said the public has the wrong impression of people living on welfare. "Most of our girls are divorced and their husband is not supporting them. What can they do? They feel terribly degraded on welfare--even though they shouldn't. I tell them that that money was set up to help people. And they need the help."

She said that if welfare didn't support these people "they could do nothing more than exist." She said it only costs the state "the girl's tuition and an extra \$500 - \$700 to send a girl to school. And that amount is paid back in about the first three months of employment in taxes, after courses are completed."

LRC receives

\$15,269 grant

A Title-II Higher Education Library Grant amounting to \$15,629 has been awarded to the LRC.

The grant, received through the Department of Health, Education and Welfare's Higher Education Act of 1965, must be used for the acquisition of library materials only.

The money will be spent on micro film of magazines and newspapers, yearly publications or continuations such as the World Almanac, support materials for a course on Black Culture, and on a backlog of faculty requests.

"Another thing the public quite often misses," she said, "is that if the mother has a chance to attend college, chances are that the children will too. The least a taxpayer can do is send these people to school if they want to go."

Mrs. Merrill and her program began at Lane (then ETVS) in 1964. "I guess I had plenty of experience--20 some years on industry. I worked as a secretary and bookkeeper for many of the businesses in town." She said she is now taking classes for a degree in special training programs.



She now lives at 850 E. 20th in Eugene with her husband, JED, who also is an instructor at Lane. He instructs courses in Industrial Technology, and is working with a special summer class for construction workers.

During second term some of the students are placed on OJT (on the job training). Many offices on the LCC campus have several girls coming in for two or more hours a day on OJT.

After a student completes the amount of courses she wants to take, Mrs. Merrill sends her to a business with an opening.

"I have worked here and there and have many contacts with employers around town. I place the girls in a job in which they will fit. I ask the employer the age and type of secretary he wants, and what work will have to be done. Then I send out two or three girls, a couple just for the interview experience, and the one I have selected for the job." She said LCC has "not even touched the potential of the program."

Mrs. Merrill said she doesn't mind the long hours and midnight calls, as "the greatest reward is when a girl is placed on a job and she comes back elated and excited. There is nothing like a job and money to make the world alright again."



Dr Hills to direct counselors institute

Beginning July 21 through Aug. 15 a Counselors Institute for area high school counselors will be held at Lane. The institute is co-sponsored by LCC and the U of O, and will be directed by DR. KENNETH HILLS with DEAN HAKANSON as the Institute Coordinator.

Graduate credits in Counseling Practicum and Community College Counseling Seminar at the U of O will be granted to the participants, about 12 counselors from high schools within the LCC education district.

The purpose of the institute is to promote awareness and understanding of the community college, its philosophy and the relationship of secondary school counselors to LCC, to improve techniques and skills as a counselor and increase awareness of vocational opportunities, with emphasis on educational and vocational choices.

LCC Child

Care Center

opens fall term

The Child Day Care Center will be open for business this fall.

GLADYS BELDEN said that the advisory committee has not made a decision on the details of the program. She said, however, that applications of the admission of a child to the Center would be available later this month.

As the advisory committee meets soon, "the counselors will have the information by the 20 of this month. Until then, anyone can reach me here at ext. 271."

Only 20 children will be admitted fall term, "because of the newness of the program," Mrs. Belden said. This number will be raised to 30 winter term.

The Center will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., with breakfast, lunch and snacks provided.

Parents of the children will be required to attend a monthly seminar to study the development of the child and to obtain advice on child care.

Fees will be on a sliding scale according to the amount the student can pay. "A few scholarships will be available to the children too, enabling them to attend the Center at no cost to the parents," Belden said.

Applications are now being taken for a Co-ordinator for the Center.

New veterans counselor to be hired

Lane Community College has been selected by the Veterans Administration as a Regional Counseling and Guidance Center for veterans and their dependents.

The College will furnish a qualified counselor to talk with veterans about the benefits of vocational and educational training available to them on the GI BILL.

This is the College's first step toward the development of a community vocational-educational counseling service.

The veterans counselor, who will be directly responsible to DR. KENNETH HILLS, Director of Counseling at LCC, will be on the College payroll on a reimbursable basis with the Veterans Administration, and will be available for community service.

Hakanson said the counselor will be chosen by the College later this month.

MATSON ELECTED BOARD CHAIRMAN

A Junction City dentist of 827 Spruce St. has been elected chairman of the Board of Education. His name is DR. CLIFFORD MATSON.

Dr. Matson, 50, is one of the original seven members of the first board of the College. He also served another four-year term in 1967.

He is a former teacher and principal of the Junction City High School. He received his bachelors degree in education from the University of Oregon in 1962 and his DMD from the University of Oregon Dental School in 1956. Dr. Matson has formerly served as president of the Lane County Youth Study Board.

He and his wife, EMMA, have two children. ROBERT ACKERMAN, of Springfield, was elected vice chairman.

'Getting Straight' gets straightened

1
It lay among the hills
As stately as a tree,
It was there and was known,
But it was JUST LCC.

2
It was as calm as the country,
Students came and went.
Who noticed beauty or work,
Or the money that was spent?

3
Then a little man came
To see what he could see.
No one paid any mind,
He looked like all hippys.

4
But something was in the fire,
Wonder what it could be?
More hippys came,
And then there were three.

5
They crowded in an office
And then shut the door.
The peace of the college
Was gone for evermore.

6
The mystery was gone,
It soon was known,
Hollywood was coming
To film our home.

7
Can you believe it?
Won't it be grand?
50 people are coming,
Straight from Hollywood land.

8
Actually it WAS great.
Because everyone knew
That Hollywood films
Are far between and few.

9
Applications piled up,
From students fat and lean,
Strange ones and straight ones
With their big chance to be seen.

10
Then the show people came
Students and stars mixed together.
And wonder on wonders--
You couldn't tell one from the other!

11
With a SHH! Quiet! And Roll 'Em,
The filming began.
And Everyone despaired
Over how slowly it ran.

12
The first scene used hippies
And all the rest screamed.
This film would be different
From what it had seemed.

13
Then hippys were out
And the straight ones were in,
And even the secretaries
Got into the swim.

14
So everyone sighed
And settled back in their chair.
"We're tickled to have them,
As long as they're fair."

15
The moral of this story,
Is hold on to your hats--
Don't jump the gun
Until you know all the facts.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Roundup is prepared by the office of Information Services at Lane Community College, 4000 East 30th Avenue, Eugene, Ore. Nita Sander, Editor.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

The art done is this Roundup and the last has been done by Edna Clement. My apologies for not mentioning her before.

Any staff member interested in blue berries should contact Carl Blood at ext. 372. He will take orders anytime from 8 - 12 noon, and the berries will be ready by July 15. He also has some pie cherries.

Before fall term begins staff members must be appointed to Student-Staff Committees. Any staff member preferring to serve on a certain committee must call ext. 310 and indicate the preferred committee.

Also, staff members serving on continued terms must indicate whether or not they will continue with that term.