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PRC

Members of the Priorities Review Committee discuss aspects of the college community during an executive session of their committee. The committee has been looking at administrative and supportive services on campus in terms

of their expense and their efficiency. The committee will report its findings to President Schafer, who will then discuss their recommendations with the Instructional Council and the College Cabinet before sending his own recommendations to the Board of Education.

PRC to delay action

On Thursday, the Priorities Review Committee (PRC) decided that any recommendations made would be withheld from the public until President Schafer had reviewed their decisions and the committee completely finished its examination.

According to Jim Evans, chairman of the committee, the decision was made because of concern that any premature knowledge of the committee's recommendations would be incomplete.

Last night, the committee continued in its extensive review of the various aspects of the LCC community. Jack Carter, Dean of Students, who is a member of the committee, stepped down from that role to respond to questions concerning areas which he supervises.

Carter's own office of Dean of Students, the Admissions office, the Director of Placement, Director of Financial Aids,

Health Services, and Student Activities, were all examined in terms of both their expense, and their efficiency.

Because of the decision to withhold any recommendations until the completion of the committee's task, the entire meeting both last night, and Thursday night, was held in "executive session." Executive session limits information on what transpired in the meeting to merely a general outline.

Another area which the PRC examined last night was counseling. It came to light that the committee's responsibility extends beyond merely functioning as a budget balancing group that simply cuts costs, to an increased efficiency effort. Counseling was given a good deal of attention in terms of ways to increase its efficiency as a student service.

The committee will call on the head of Counseling for the

next scheduled meeting. He will further explain the role of counselors in providing a service to Lane students.

President Schafer organized the PRC to examine all facets of LCC's operation. When the committee finally comes out with its recommendations, the recommendations will be reviewed by President Schafer, who will confer with both the Instructional Council and the College Cabinet. The President's recommendations will then be referred to the LCC Board of Education.

Ben Kirk supporters confront LCC Board

Open hearing set for May 3

The LCC Board of Education met last Wednesday in a session that was attended by more than fifty people, many of them students.

The large turn-out was a show of support for the physical science professor, Ben Kirk. Kirk's instructional methods and course structure were recently reviewed by the college administration and the SPPC (Staff Personnel Policies Committee); both recommended that the LCC Board not rehire Kirk.

Ben Kirk has been accused of employing unorthodox teaching methods and not adhering to the prescribed curriculum in his physical science courses.

Supporters for Kirk attempted to make public testimony in support of his stand and in most cases asked that the Board reopen the SPPC hearings to allow those who had not had the chance to make testimony before to do so at reopened hearings.

Bob Darough, a Student Senate member who has been working for Kirk's reinstatement, summarized students' feelings. Darough said, "Students are willing to talk with the Board in whatever way they (the Board) sees fit. We're trying to handle an uncomfortable situation in the best way for the college."

The administration has been evaluating Kirk's methods since Winter Term A group of Kirk's students protested to the Board last December after the administration ordered all physical science students to take a standardized national test. The students said the test would have discriminated against them and against

Kirk's teaching methods. The test was cancelled.

The legal counsel for the Board, Ed Harms, brought to light some of the technical legal questions involved in the Kirk affair. According to Harms, Kirk had signed a waiver extending the deadline for renewal of his contract to April 14. If Kirk does not hear by that date to the contrary he is automatically rehired. Therefore, the Board decided to recommend that Kirk not be rehired so that the reopened hearings could begin.

After meetings between Kirk, Ted Romoser of the SPPC, and Harms, Kirk made the decision to remand his case back to the SPPC for further testimony by students. The Board would still have the option of acting on the case if the SPPC decides contrary to the Board's wishes.

The LCC Board decided to have an open hearing for Kirk on May 3. According to the Register Guard, Kirk will choose an option to re-open the SPPC hearings instead of appearing before the Board.

Earlier in the meeting, student Dan Fowler complained that he was dissatisfied with the way the student government was spending its funds. Fowler was told by Board members that the LCC Board did not feel it appropriate to intervene into student government business; the Board recommended Fowler to personally attend student government meetings and let his feelings be known to them.

In other business, the Board reviewed a position paper on a

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Budget committee prepares strategy

The LCC Budget Election Committee met again Monday afternoon to continue preparations for the budget election to be held May 23. LCC has requested a 15 cent increase in the present property tax rate of \$1.50 per \$1,000 true cash value. The committee discussed final plans for the publication of the informational fact sheet to be distributed to the community and strategy to combat what many committee members considered "negative community sentiments" about the college.

Also announced at the meeting was the formation of the Voter Relations Committee. According to Committee Chairman Richard Eymann, the committee, framed Friday, is designed to answer questions from the community about the LCC budget and to distribute the informational fact sheets. "The committee is comprised of people on the campus payroll who are off campus most of the time dealing directly with voters. They include members of the Cooperative Work Experience and Adult Education programs," explained Eymann.

One of the major concerns expressed by the Budget Election Committee is community reaction to the recent transfer of 25 thousand dollars of student loan funds from LCC to Oregon State University last term. Eymann explained, "There was some impression in the community that we could have kept the money and used it for teacher salaries or to buy classroom materials, but the money is earmarked for financial aid to

students and cannot be used any other way.

"When the College applied for financial aid money for this year, the application was based on an estimated enrollment of six thousand students.

"When the LCC budget was defeated, enrollment was cut off at about 5,500 students, which meant fewer students were eligible for financial aid.

"Since we were short of other financial aid money to match the federal share to put a package together for a student, some of them couldn't come to LCC because there wasn't enough total money available to put a package together. The federal government then had to re-allocate the 25 thousand dollars to another institution that needed the money," Eymann said.

Another problem, expressed by committee member Phil Robley, involved justifying the 15 cent increase in property taxes to the community.

Eymann asked the committee members if the recent Board of Education decision to deny Physical Science Professor Ben Kirk a renewed contract was having any impact on voter attitudes. According to Robley, many LCC students are expressing discontent with the decision by the Staff Personnel Policy Committee and with the Board, and are further disturbed by the tuition increase. "They want more and they want to pay less for it, and so I think that the Ben Kirk incident could be influencing student voters," explained Robley.

Applications for Editorship

The Media Commission announces that applications for the 1972-73 TORCH editorship are now being accepted.

Applicants must qualify under the Media Commission policy which states: "The Editor must have journalistic ability, training and experience. Normally, he will have previous service on a high school, college or professional newspaper staff in such capacities as will give him an adequate understanding of the operations of a newspaper. The Editor must be capable of organizing and directing a staff, and of relating well to other people." The Editor must be a full time student.

Application forms are available in the TORCH office, 206 Center. They must be returned no later than Wednesday, April 26 at 6 p.m. to Doris Norman, TORCH business manager.

The Media Commission will schedule an interview meeting with all candidates. Date, time, and place of the meeting will be announced when applications are returned.

Editorial Comment

Life is a gas!

"It kills by coming in contact with the skin or by being inhaled. A single drop, if not immediately removed, will result in vomiting, involuntary defecation, convulsions, and a complete paralysis of the central nervous system that ends in death. From contact to death the time elapsed is about ten minutes."

-type VX Nerve Gas

-Earth Magazine

In the mid-fifties, when many of us were in grammar school a weekly ritual would be the air-raid drill. At a given signal we were told to crouch under our desks with our heads down. After several minutes, class resumed — to everyone's dismay. We had a basic knowledge of what nuclear war might mean—especially because of the "big bear" of the Soviet Union. But crouching under desks would have done little to alleviate the instant death that would have followed.

But our twelve-year old minds—full of air-raid drills and fallout shelters—could never imagine the technical wonders reflected in the above quote—a description of the effects of nerve gas on living creatures.

We prefer not to scream "doom and destruction" or the end of the world. There are enough fear-mongers on both sides of the weapons issue in America today. Such a topic as nerve gas—though fascinating in terms of what one fascinating in terms of what one cannister would do — wouldn't normally cross our minds except that two items in the world of current events drew our attention to this particular wonder drug.

Early in 1968, scientists at the Pentagon's Rocky Mountain Arsenal outside Denver developed the chemical. The operation at that point was called "Project Waterfall." In the summer of 1968—several short months later—the United States Air Force dropped two cannisters of Type VX nerve gas on elements of an equipment recovery station operated by the 94th North Vietnamese Army—our present enemies. Each cannister was equipped with an explosive charge to shatter the casing at a pre-determined altitude, releasing the gas over a set area. A professor at Portland State University believes that one cannister of Type VX, if properly disseminated, could kill two and a half million people.

What brings this news closer to home is the fact that Umatilla Air Force Base in Hermiston, Oregon is the home of Type VX Nerve Gas. In shiny cannisters, in underground bunkers resembling giant ant hills, the wonder gas of the century sits waiting for the next group of guinea pigs to test the lethal miracles of Type VX.

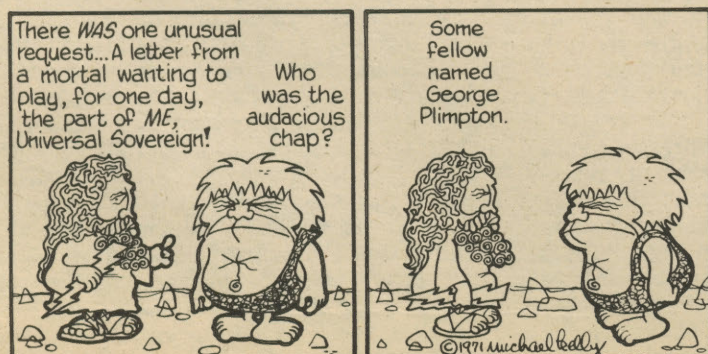
When it first became public that VX was in their town, the people of Hermiston felt that the income derived from using Hermiston for a storage area made the risks worthwhile. This democratic decision—a vote of confidence for the poet of death—ignores the scientific truth that the entire Northwest would suffer the consequences. And if the wind was right? It would take only a couple of hours for the gas to saturate Lane Community College.

Picture, if you will, the scene of the silvery mist settling over the fountain outside the student center. In five minutes everyone is on the ground vomiting uncontrollably. Five minutes later, EVERYONE is convulsing uncontrollably. Five minutes later the central nervous system of EVERYONE is paralyzed. In a total time span of fifteen minutes, we all join the North Vietnamese recovery unit in the one common experience—death.

The comparison of situations might seem pretty far-fetched right now. We agree. But, our education should teach us that we all succumb to the same frailties of being human. Why even Orientals do.

We hope that it doesn't take this common experience—this lesson in being human—to make us realize that we, and our country, are continuing to sail on an ocean of death. Hysterical patriotism aside, the war we are fighting, and the defense planning that is our design, can't be viewed only as a simple fist-fight outside of a bar. Yet, we talk of the war and we talk of the weapons, as if that were all there was to it. Such lines of wisdom as "If we don't stop them now" or "we're fighting for the sake of democracy" are more at home in the fifteenth century crusades than the twentieth century.

Until the fighting in Vietnam intensified, many of us forgot that the war was still going on. And though it is 3,000 miles away, Type VX nerve gas, Posiden missiles and the other technical miracles of the '60's should bring it home to all of us that Vietnam is really our own backyard. Such is the lesson—that the world is really small.



The innocent bystander

We can forget the Vietnam War

by Arthur Hoppe

Some experts feel the current escalated fighting in Vietnam may doom Mr. Nixon's plan to Vietnamize the war. Perish the thought. It's only a temporary setback.

Mr. Nixon's plan, as you know, is to withdraw our ground forces and let the Vietnamese go on killing each other — with only our bullets and bombs and napalm and planes to help them.

The plan was going extremely well. Thanks to stepping up our bombing attacks to the highest level of the war, we are killing upward of a thousand Vietnamese a week, while losing only a half dozen GIs plus a pilot now and then.

This was well within acceptable limits. For, after all, few Americans care how many bullets, bombs, napalm and planes we expend. What they care about is how many friends and relatives get sent over there to be killed.

So no one was talking much about the war anymore. And Mr. Nixon was predicting confidently that it wouldn't even be an issue come November.

Then the North Vietnamese attacked. We had to rush carriers and B-52s and troops into the battle. Our casualties have soared. Suddenly, the war's an issue again. It looks bad for Vietnamization.

Fortunately, however, the solution is at hand: Project Dehumanization.

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The project is the brainchild of General Homer T. Pettibone (retired), Director of the US Bureau of Acceptable Casualties.

The heart of the Project is the Fully Automated Bombing System, known as FAB.

Actually, work on FAB has been underway in Vietnam for the past three years. It began with the scattering by aircraft of small, delicate sensors capable of picking up and trans-

mitting the noise and vibration of trucks and transport along the Ho Chi Minh Trail.

These have now been refined to detect the heat or movement of two or more human bodies, one water buffalo or half an elephant.

By homing in on these devices, our pilots have been able to blow up trucks, transports, human bodies, water buffalo and elephants even on the foggiest of moonless nights.

The second advance, now being perfected, is the automated take off, aerial maneuvering and landing of our bombers without a human hand at the controls — a feat long within the range of our technology.

All that remains, says General Pettibone, is to tie in the giant computers now being installed. They will digest the information from the sensors, select the targets, launch the pilotless planes and release the rockets, napalm or bombs at precisely the correct instant — all by remote control.

"Project Dehumanization," says General Pettibone proudly, "will completely eliminate the human factor."

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Its prime advantage, of course, is that it will allow Mr. Nixon to withdraw all US troops and pilots as well. Our casualties will be cut to zero. Target date for the project is, hopefully, the California June Primary or, at the latest, the opening of the Presidential campaign in September.

Asked about the Vietnamese, General Pettibone said that by eliminating our human error through Project Dehumanization their casualties should be tripled.

"But actually," he said, "our Bureau feels anything over 2000 casualties a week would be acceptable."

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Campus Calendar

TUESDAY, April 18:

Curriculum Committee, Cen. 124 (LRC Conf.), 4 to 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, April 19:

Landscape Planning Commission Dev. Com., Lunch 11 to 12:30.

Campus Crusade, Cen. 403, 12 p.m.

All staff meeting, room to be announced, 1 p.m.

ADC Scholarship Basketball game, main gym, 8 p.m.

THURSDAY, April 20:

LDS Student Assoc. of LCC ASLCC meeting, Forum 311, 3 to 5 p.m.

SATURDAY, April 22:

All Day: Science Exposition and Workshop programs, grade 4 through 6; Science Building,

MONDAY, April 24:

Elections Committee Meeting, LRC Conference room, 3 to 4. Priorities Review Committee, Adm. 202, 7 p.m.

OSPIRG, Cen. 234, 4 p.m.

This is the final notice to students to come to the records office and sign an application for a degree, certificate, or diploma. If you want your name to appear in the graduation program and in the final list of graduates for this 1972 year you must file now. If you are in doubt about your stat-

us, please let us have a chance to figure your records with you and maybe you do qualify.

Cash prizes will be awarded in the Literary Art Club sponsored photography show May 1 to May 12. Any original photograph made by an LCC student or staff member is eligible for the contest, and winning photographs will be printed in this year's edition of the LCC magazine "The Concrete Statement."

Entries may be left for Marilyn Wanek in the Language Arts Department. Deadline for entries is April 20.

Letter to the Editor

Editor,

It seems that society has ways of putting down those of us who (due almost entirely to socioeconomic factors not of our own choosing) are already put down.

It seems that the Lane Community College Board has a way of putting down students who can barely afford tuition at its present rate.

Is this an attempt by society to weed out the wrong kind of people?

I answer yes to this question. Just who are we to the School Board? Are we statistics or are we people? If we are people, then it is quite logical that we are individuals with individual wants and needs. To treat us as statistics is to ignore the individual. To ignore the individual is to treat us like consumers. But is boycott or legal help the answer?

Barry Hood

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Student groups urge response to war

Two national student organizations are joining together to persuade college student body presidents to "respond to the crisis" of the current re-escalation of the war in Vietnam, according to a joint letter mailed to LCC student body President Omar Barbarossa from the two groups, the National Student Lobby and the National Student Association.

The two student organizations state that they have three goals in mind:

"(1) To get full details on the escalation currently in Vietnam from Daniel Ellsberg, Howard Zinn, Fred Branfman, Ngo Vinh Long, and others,

"(2) To plan strategy for the four days that we are in Washington (a date to be announced) and for spring actions on our local campuses, and

"(3) To lobby our Congressmen and Senators on Capitol Hill on Monday (April 10) regarding Senator Gravel's bill which will end the war. This bill has already been co-sponsored by 10 senators and 43 congressmen."

Senator Gravel's bill has passed the Senate and is now in a conference committee in the House. The bill is reprinted below:

House of Representatives, H.R. 14055;

Senate, S. 3409

A BILL

To provide for the cessation of bombing in Indochina and for the withdrawal of United States military personnel from the Republic of Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

Section 1
That subject to the provisions of Section 3 of this Act, no funds heretofore or hereafter appropriated may be expended for longer than thirty days after the enactment of this Act to support the deployment of United States Armed Forces or any other military or paramilitary personnel under the control of the United States in or over the Republic of Vietnam, the Democratic Republic of Vietnam, Cambodia, or Laos.

(a) That no funds heretofore or hereafter appropriated may be expended after the date of enactment of this Act to conduct off-shore naval bombardment of, or to bomb (including the use of napalm, other incendiary devices, or chemical agents), rocket, or otherwise attack by air, from any type aircraft, any target whatsoever within Laos, Cambodia, Thailand, or the democratic Republic of Vietnam.

(b) No funds heretofore or hereafter appropriated may be

expended after the date of enactment of this Act to conduct off-shore naval bombardment of, or to bomb, (including the use of napalm, other incendiary devices, or chemical agents), rocket, or otherwise attack by air, from any type aircraft, any target whatsoever within the Republic of Vietnam unless the President determines any such bombardment or air operation clearly to be necessary to provide for the immediate safety of United States Armed Forces during their withdrawal from the Republic of Vietnam, and submits to the President pro tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House for immediate transmission to the respective bodies of the Congress, within 48 hours of each such bombardment or operation (or if the Congress is not in session, as soon thereafter as it may return), a written report setting forth the time, place, nature, and reasons for conducting such bombardment or operation.

Section 3
(a) If, by twenty days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Democratic Republic of Vietnam and other adversary forces in Indochina holding American prisoners of war have not made arrangements for the release and repatriation, by the date in Section 1, of all such prisoners:

(1) the date in Section 1 shall be extended for thirty days, and

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The human environment

by Mikel Kelly

One of the biggest (and most needless) drains on our timber supply is the thoughtless waste of paper products. Each person in the US discards 540 pounds of paper a year, a grossly unnecessary amount. In 1966, 10 million tons of paper were recycled in this country, resulting in 10,000 jobs worth 45 million dollars in salaries, and saving 12,800,000 cords (13 million acres of trees) that did not have to be cut.

●We can improve on this in many ways:

●Save your newspapers. There are boxes located all over town, from which they are picked up and recycled. Every ton of newspapers is the approximate equivalent of 17 trees.

●Insist on legislation that will eliminate waste of our resources and facilitate their reuse. The government should realize that we are just as concerned about life on earth as we are about space exploration. The technology is available to handle many of these problems.

●Share your magazines with neighbors or pass them on to libraries, service organizations, barbershops, and doctor's offices.

●Bug the phone company about picking up and recycling old phone books to make new ones. (This is already done in some parts of the country). A good way to do this is to add a note in with your monthly phone payment.

●Don't throw away your old books. Keep them circulating. Donate used books to the libraries; often they can be rebound and put to good use.

●Use common sense in buying new books. Buy only those you intend to read. Consumption can be cut down by either buying used books or by using the local library.

●Conserve writing paper. Write on both sides of the page. Use the backs of used sheets for note pads.

●Junk mail and unsolicited advertising is a good example of paper waste. Inform these people that you don't appreciate their efforts and explain why.

●Support legislation that will prevent the Department of Motor Vehicles (and other governmental agencies) from selling your name and address to potential advertisers.

●Make your legislators aware of the magnitude of this problem by saving your junk mail and sending the accumulation to your congressman, explaining your feelings.

●Use cloth napkins and towels.

●Avoid buying paper plates and cups.

●Use cloth diapers instead of the disposal ones.

●Reuse cardboard boxes. Department and grocery stores sometimes bale the cardboard and sell it to paper processing companies. Boxes can be used over and over again. Don't throw them away.

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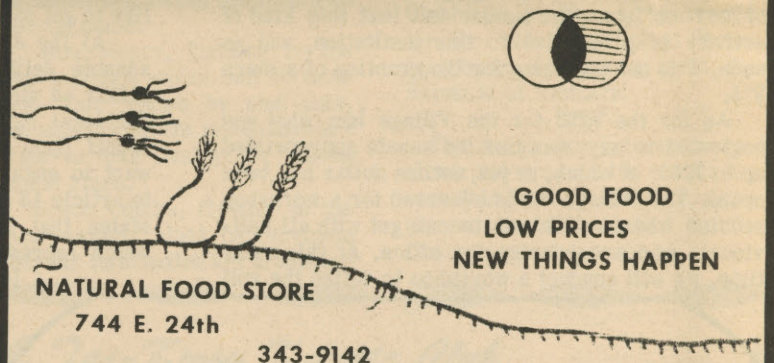
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THE FORUM

Editor's note: The Forum serves as an opportunity members of the LCC community to express their opinions. The following Forum commentary was submitted by Omar Barbarossa, ASLCC president.)

Last night (April 12) I was appalled and quite disgusted by a certain "student" who stood up in front of the LCC Board of Education and made allegations and false distortions about the Lane Community College Student Government.

After a meaningless diatribe and half hearted, nonsense attempt at trying to explain how student government monies are spent, he was given a mere shrug of the shoulders and there was even a slight smattering of laughter at what he said.

I got to thinking about the gall and effrontery of this pseudo reporter. In the first place, this individual inadvertently undermined, by his action, efforts by students to gain autonomy as an entity or a group within this institution.

Needless to say, students more than ever before, through hard work and much effort in organizing to bring about relevancy in education and in services which are offered to the student population, have made positive gains in doing such. However, much of our effort is wasted through stupid gestures such as Mr. Foulter made.

I would like to invite Mr. Dan Foulter to the next scheduled senate meeting, April 20, in Forum 311. If he has the guts to appear so that he can inform himself at first hand, and not by his imagination, as to what is really going on regarding the students on this campus. Just for the record, here is what Mr. Foulter enumerated as expenditures by the senate:

1. Women's Day \$75
2. Village Inn \$250
3. AAJC Convention in Dallas
4. Three typewriters for the senate
5. Sponsor the Vietnam Veterans against the War Convention in Houston.
6. To David Red Fox, Treasurer
7. Retaining of an Attorney
8. Pottery show

For the record, here are the explanations, Mr. Foulter:

On the Women's Day activities, the senate felt that many of the Women's clubs today are pushing for equal rights and equal participation at all levels of our society. The senate felt that this kind of activity is productive to this institution, and as such, I do not apologize for the granting of a mere \$75.

As for the \$250 for the Village Inn; what you neglected to say, was that the senate appropriated up to \$250; of which, as yet, not one dollar has been spent. The Village Inn is reserved for a workshop session whereby the senate can get with all individuals who are running for office. At this same time, we will conduct a workshop to define the roll

of student government, student projects, and to especially pin point priorities for the coming year, i.e. the money may or may not be spent; but if it is, please be assured that it will be for a good reason.

As for sending two delegates to the AAJC Convention in Dallas, the school administration also sent a representative to that same convention, the college president. Why didn't he bring this up? I might add, that the following were some of the accomplishments at that convention:

a) The granting of college work study assignment for all returning veterans upon their enrollment at any community college;

b) To do away with any admissions requirements to any publicly supported or privately endowed two year colleges.

c) The guarantee of a financial aid package that will continue throughout the entire duration of student's education, whether it be two, three or four years.

d) The creation of a National Student Council, with a student representative on the National Board of AAJC. It would seem that this is a worthy endeavor.

e) Typewriters, Mr. Foulter seemed irate over the fact that we had the temerity to buy three typewriters. For your information Mr. Foulter, we have only two typewriters (had ty

only two typewriters (had you bothered to check the facts regarding our purchases). I would like to ask you if you think that two typewriters are sufficient to meet the needs of 5,000 students on this campus when there are over one hundred typewriters to serve the clerical staff of 150.

f) The VVAW, one of the forceful catalysts for change in our country, has been the courageous involvement of the returning veterans of Vietnam who have stood up and brought to light the injustices and immoralities of our involvement in Vietnam. The VVAW are very actively represented on our campus; so again, I do not apologize if we support our veterans when they want to go to a national convention which is held for the purpose of highlighting their aims.

g) David Red Fox, Mr. Red Fox, as the treasurer of the ASLCC has presented receipts for items which he has purchased for usage by our office personnel and paid for them out of his own pocket. I am sure that, Mr. Foulter if you purchased something for use in your department, you would like to get paid for it.

h) The Attorney, the ASLCC decided after reasonable deliberation that it was time for us to retain an attorney so that we could be advised of our legal rights, and at the same time act on our behalf upon any matters that the ASLCC might want to engage in. I would refer you, Mr. Foulter, to article 18 of the institutional bill of rights which states that the student government is the body which represents the students, and is not a part of

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The Last Picture Show

Theatre Faire

by Liz Campbell

Midway through "The Last Picture Show" I painfully wondered what I was doing there — I had lived through all this before, and didn't want to go through it again.

Peter Bogdanovich's excellent parable of growing up in the America of the fifties is more powerful than mere nostalgia, and achingly real, even to viewers who did not grow up in a small town similar to Anarene, Texas.

But where to start in an attempt to convey the quiet beauty in the film's simplicity, to transmit the mood of soft, painful reminiscence we all feel when looking back on our days of (comparitive) innocence.

Perhaps a comparison is best: "Summer of '42" is a popular, recent film also dealing subtly and gently with the awakening of the adult in a youth. "Summer" was how we wish our growing up had been — a grand illusion. "Picture Show" is the painful reality. In Anarene, there were no beautiful, soft ladies to ease a young boy into the world of sex, nor handsome princes to quell a girl's frustrating boredom. There was only dust and the picture show, the comings and goings of the townspeople, and wind.

"Summer of '42" enchants; "Picture Show" makes one ache.

It makes us ache because we realize there is more here than the shedding of that particular kind of innocence of youth: we see as well the growing-up of a country. The last picture show in Anarene is an old John Wayne flick, "Red River." A surface symbolism can be considered in the handing-over of the (cattle) empire from the old to the young. But I think Bogdanovich pointed to something far greater; the fifties were truly the last age of innocence — embodied in John Wayne.

Here were the last times that men were men, women had their place, villains were easily recognized, and deserved to die for their sins. Problems were simple and could be solved by direct methods. Life could be determined in simplistic, black and white terms. There was either right, or there was wrong, and we waited for our heroes to solve the wrong.

Since the fifties, that frame of mind has become a revered memory. Like the boy who learns that real pain is not losing a football game, who discovers that life must be lived with and that one cannot hide from hurt, we have grown up. We have discovered that our actions have consequences we must deal with, that life is interdependent, and that we can no longer truly be responsible only to ourselves. And we have learned the most painful thing of all: We can never go back.

"Picture Show" plays out this bittersweet reminder through its various, interrelated love stories and incidents of the town. The actors bring the parable to life, notably Ben Johnson and Timothy Bottoms.

Johnson plays the wise old man who allows himself to reminisce, but never gives into the temptation of trying to "get the old feeling back." Johnson's understated performance is a highlight of the film, and a major element of the mood created.

Timothy Bottoms is the young boy becoming a man. His performance is by no means a disappointment; his quiet bewilderment and final agonized acceptance of life are believable and give the film its core.

Bogdanovich has proved himself a sage purveyor of the American past and development. "Picture Show" is both a tribute and a touching survey of the coming of age of America.

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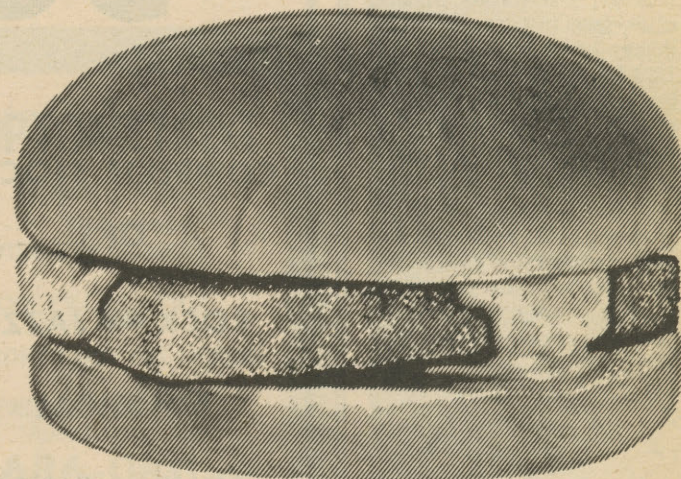
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OCCSA Convention attracts 12 schools

by Doug Cudahey

Mt. Hood Country Club, nestled in the foothills of the Cascade Mountains in Wyme, Oregon, was the setting for the Oregon Community College Student Association (OCCSA) spring convention.

OCCSA is a group of delegates representing 12 community colleges. Each school's delegation is comprised of student government leaders and, in some cases, representatives of the school press.

Part of the Lane delegation left Thursday April 6, for the OCCSA convention headed by Mel Wood, publicity director. Friday Jay Bolton, student body vice president, arrived at the convention to take over as leader of the delegation. Student Body President Omar Barbarossa did not attend.

Bolton at one point, addressed the convention in regard to what it was doing as for representing Black people, and other minority people. The Executive Council explained they were con-

cerned with this particular issue and had been working in earnest to deal with that problem. However Bolton was the only Black person to attend the convention.

Each delegation, regardless of the number of delegates representing that particular school, could cast only five votes.

In the area of presidential elections LCC was represented by David Red Fox, Student Senate Treasurer. As it turned out though he was withdrawn from the running when the convention moved along to the election of OCCSA president.

Two proposals were presented at the convention by the Lane delegation. Both of these proposals were defeated on the floor. One pertained to OCCSA organizing a campaign tour through all community college campuses for the Oregon Primary in May, and presenting the plan to all the presidential candidates' campaign managers.

The other proposal endorsed placing the marijuana issue put to a vote in May. It was explained by the OCCSA president that both issues were political,

and according to the OCCSA guide lines, they could not, even if favored in the previous polling, be undertaken by the organization.

Convention excitement centered around the election of executive officers to OCCSA that will head the organization next year.

Sharon Danford, a delegate from LCC, ran for the office of Vice President, only to be removed from the running by two votes lacking in the first ballot. This sparked protest, and at times heated feelings from the Lane delegation. Votes on the first ballot came down 19-18-17-4, Sharon having 17 votes.

A majority of the time, three days, spent at the convention was used for "politicking." This led to many discussions held over a glass of something or other. The drink could have been anything from Scotch to tomato juice, depending on the hour.

Parties were held in delegate's rooms to give candidates a chance to talk with members of the convention.

The convention was not one continuing party though. Work shops were held on all student government levels. Each work shop had been issued topical questions and their job was to discuss among themselves the problem and make recommendations that could resolve these problems. Most questions lent

themselves to student apathy and what could be done to get more student participation in student affairs.

Members of workshops, in most cases, gave a positive attitude that something was being accomplished. It was said that in one member's school the apathy attitude was rising every day and the convention sparked feelings in him that have long been asleep.

All workshop groups compiled their information on fact-finding sheets that were routed to the executive council. Collected recommendations will soon be put

in a packet and distributed to all the community college student governments. Some of the recommendations involved food and dispensing it free to students. One idea was to offer free coffee, milk and doughnuts at all student government meetings with the idea of enticing students to attend.

Other delegates from Lane at the convention were Katy Eyman, sophomore senator from social science, Steve Leppanen, senator at large, Douglas Cudahey editor of the TORCH, and Debbie Scharn, student senate secretary.

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MAGIC OF "FANTASTICKS" TO ENCHANT LCC STAGE

"The Fantastics" is many things wrapped-up in one exciting musical bundle.

"It has a strange kind of charm," says Director Ed Raggozino, who is opening the play at Lane Community College April 28.

"The magical musical" is a simple play, but it's not simplistic. It makes a philosophical point without being philosophical. In fact, "it's a very hard play to describe," says Raggozino.

Needless to say, one must see it to experience the full scope of the play. The audience is constantly involved in the play: characters "speak their piece" and the narrator asks viewers to imagine certain sets and times of year. Another angle of audience involvement is in the ability to identify with the foolishness and anxiety of the characters.

Aided by Dave Sherman on sets, Nathan Cammack on musical direction, and Wayte Kirchner on vocal direction, Raggozino's production promises to be a polished, exciting production.

John Coombs will star as El Gallo, with Sandra Isom and Jennifer Pack as two mothers plotting to get their two children (Craig Wasson and Jan Jackson) married. A "functional" member of the cast is the Mute, played by Jenny Pashowski, who also is choreographer for the play.

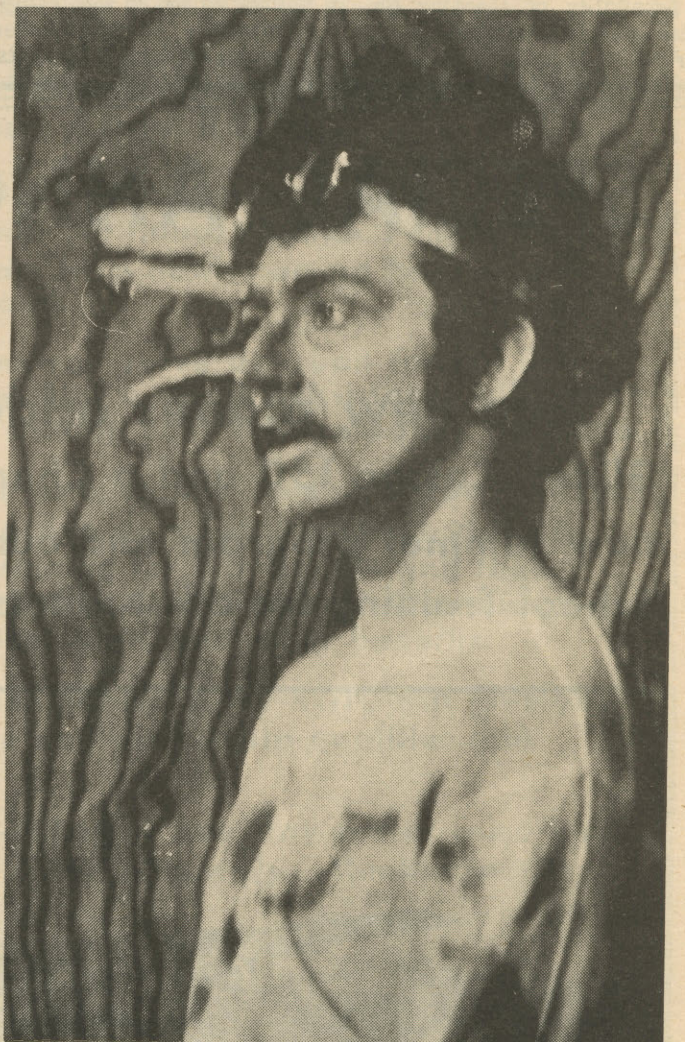
Other performances are April 29 and May 3, 4, 5, and 6. All seats are reserved. Tickets may be obtained at the information desk in the Administration Building.





Photography by Jim Otos

Story by Liz Campbell



National competition possible as result of LCC Board vote

by Lex Sahonchik.

The LCC Board members have taken a step toward eliminating the much criticized athletic policy of prohibiting Lane athletes from participation in national competition.

The Board members met Wednesday night and voted 4-2 to direct representatives from the three major groups involved—the LCC administration, the athletic department, and the student government—to formulate a policy regarding national competition. Hopefully the recommendations will be available for review at the next Board meeting, on May 10.

Although the Board expressed approval of changes in the national competition issue, it reaffirmed its past opposition to athletic scholarships and public donations supporting national competition.

The athletic policies discussed in the meeting were developed when the school was organized. They have been the subject of criticism from all sides, mainly the Lane athletic department, coaches and players. Most recently the policies were under fire due to the inability of wrestler Murray Booth to attend a national meet because of school policy.

The athletic department and physical education department both had representatives present at the meeting. Robert Radcliff and Richard Newell expressed approval of the decisions taken by the Board. Newell said that the desire of the coaches was simply a clarification of the school's athletic policies.

By unanimous vote the Board directed the college administration to develop proposals for Board review in the area of car and medical insurance for athletes and coaches travelling to and from athletic contests, and the possibility of coaching contracts separate from teaching contracts.

SPORTS



Pole vaulter goes high

An unidentified competitor participates in the pole vault at the LCC-University of Oregon J.V. Track Meet held at Lane last Saturday. The event was won by Oregon's Dave Lewis with a vault of 14 feet 6 inches. Lane did not place a man in this event. The Titans finished second in the team totals by massing 52 points to 78 for the University's, while Southern Oregon College had 31, and the Oregon Track Club totaled 17 points for last place.

Titans win over weather

The Titan baseball team finally won its biggest game of the early season — with the weather. Amazing as it may seem Lane got in a doubleheader with Southwestern Oregon Community College Tuesday, April 11, winning both games.

LCC swept both ends to the doubleheader by scores of 6-4 and 6-2. The first game saw Titan pitcher Larry Glaze fire a 5 hitter at the Lakers from Coos Bay. Glaze struck out 6 batters in the seven innings he pitched while the Lane firepower exploded for five runs in the third inning behind the bats of Kirk Hoff and Don Hiney.

In the second game LCC took advantage of a mass of fielding errors by SWOCC and coasted to the win behind the strength of a three run first inning. In both games the Titans had to overcome fine performances by Laker Ron Overstake who went 5 for 7 and had 4 runs batted in the two games.

Thursday's game with Oregon College of Education was back to the old grind as the heavens opened up and the rain cancelled the contest.

LCC travelled to Bend to take on Central Oregon Community College in another doubleheader. The results were the same; two more victories for Coach Fred Sackett.

The first game featured Titan ace Larry Glaze and his strikeout show. Larry hurled fire at the host Bobcats and held them to one hit, struck out nine batters and walked nobody. Add another game to Glaze' list of superb efforts. When it came to the runs Lane got 6, 4 in a big second inning.

The nightcap saw the Titans edge COCC 2-1 on the muscle of Kirk Hoff who came through in the fourth inning by smashing a solo home run, John Bradford followed with a double in the fifth, scoring on Chuck Dickerson's single.

LCC moved its record in the OCCAA conference to 4 wins and no defeats. The next home action will be Saturday against the University of Oregon JV at Howe Field, game time 3 p.m.

Oregon overcomes Lane trackmen but Titans make good showing

Coach Al Tarpenning's Titan trackmen were overcome by the powerful Oregon J.V. team last Saturday by a score of 78-52. The meet also included Southern Oregon College and the Oregon Track Club, scoring 31 and 17 points respectively.

Although Lane failed to upset the University of Oregon team, several outstanding individual performances gave Coach Tarpenning reason to be pleased with the effort of his crew. Jim Gorman of the Oregon Track Club won the mile run with a time of 4:07.4 but LCC stars Bill Cram and Garrie Franklin both achieved lifetime bests, Bill finishing in 4:20 and Garrie running in 4:32. Despite the fine effort of these two runners the competition was so keen that they failed to place.

Titan Randy Griffith also re-

corded a great effort with a third place in the three-mile run. Randy turned in a time of 14:43, an admirable mark for community college standards.

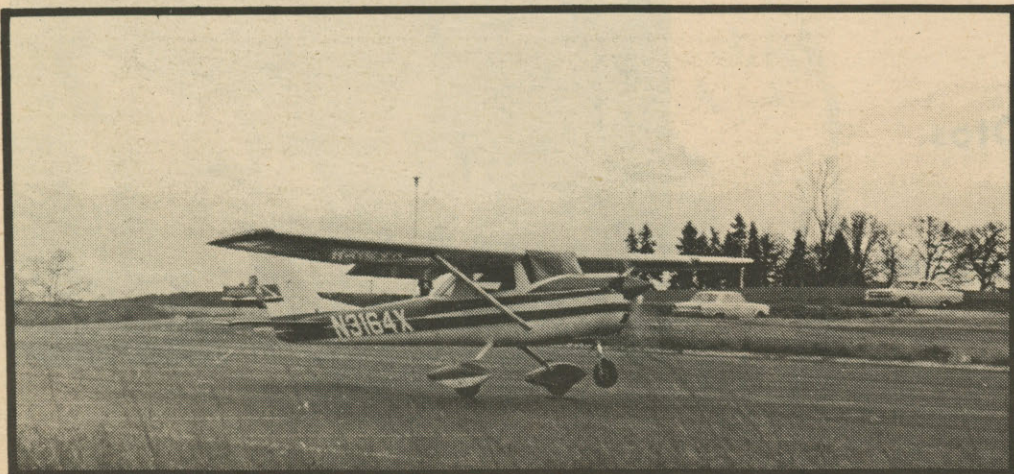
Lane's 440 yard relay team of Kent Larsen, Jeff Hardesty, Wilbert Johnson and Dan Walsh continued to defeat any opposition by streaking to a 43.8 clocking. The relay team has run very close to the school record of 42.6 all season.

Javelin thrower Steve Maryanski also continued to show a great talent in his event by winning with a throw of 203 feet 1 inch.

Lane's next home action will be Saturday in the Lane Invitational. The Titans will be hosting Mt. Hood Community College Oregon State University JV and Clark College. Action will start at 10:30 a.m.

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FLYING TITANS

Women shine in track meet

by Lorraine Hein

Two LCC women made a fine effort in the 3000 meter run, a new event for women this year, in Saturday's track and field team at the U of O. Beth Boehmer took second with a time of 12:05.7 and Kris Stoneberg took fifth with 13:33.1. This was the first time either Ms. Boehmer or Ms. Stoneberg had competed in the 3,000 meter.

Oregon State University, Oregon College of Education and Willamette University also competed in the Lane, U of O co-hosted Meet.

Oregon State with the power in the field events was able to over come the strong OCE and U of O teams. OSU scored 68 points, OCE 64, U of O 61, LCC 19, and Willamette 10.

Other Women Placing for LCC were:

200m HURDLES: Lisa Fox took fifth with a time of 33.3.

880 MEDLEY: Lane A took fourth and Lane B fifth with times of 2:07.0 and 2:09.4.

100 m HURDLES: Lisa Fox was fourth with a time of 17.1.

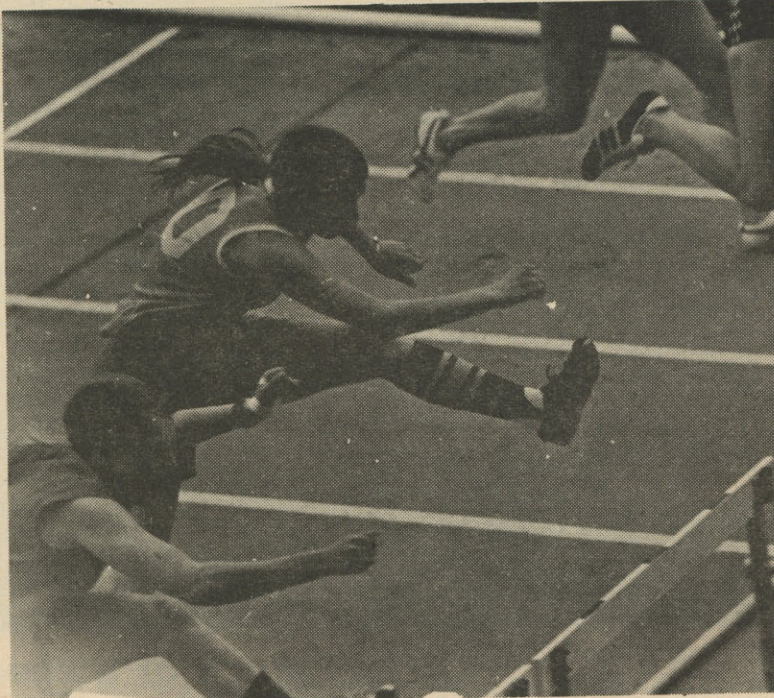
HIGH JUMP: Penny Shoop cleared the bar at 4'8" for fourth place.

SHOT PUT: Lorraine Hein took second with a toss of 36' 10" and Peggy Sullivan took fifth with a toss of 31'7".

discuss; Lorraine Hein took fifth

with a throw of 106'3".

The next meet for the LCC women will be Saturday when they travel to Portland State University.



Titan hurdler strains in race

Lane's Lisa Fox stretches for a hurdle in the five-way women's track meet held at the University of Oregon Saturday. Lisa finished fifth in the 200 meter hurdles and fourth in the 100 meter hurdles. LCC finished in fourth place.

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Students to form soccer club

Several students are attempting to form a soccer club at Lane. According to Bob Buss, club treasurer, the purpose of the club is "...to enable interested people to have a chance to participate in games with other organized groups."

Buss estimated the current club membership to be 12 people.

The club practices Thursdays and Tuesdays from one till four p.m., and has games on weekends.

John Thompson's

Oregon Gossip

The time has come to announce my resignation as sports editor of the Lane Community College TORCH. I am resigning because I have withdrawn from school, but taking my place will be a very capable young man by the name of Lex Sahonchik.

Lex wrote the basketball stories for the TORCH last term and did an excellent job, friends. Recently he has been on the LCC baseball beat. He previously wrote sports for the Churchill paper, and has a lot of overall knowledge of newspapers. Lex will make a fine addition to the TORCH central staff.

I leave the position of sports editor with a great deal of regret. I've enjoyed working with a fantastic staff. I have gained probably about as much as I could ever realize from a fine college. Now, it is on to greater challenges, 'though I am not sure what that is to be yet.

In any event, I will continue to write "Oregon Gossip" for the period of Spring Term, at least. Here's hoping you sport's fans will enjoy it.

I want to thank everyone involved with me at LCC for their wonderful cooperation. It's a shame that they are too numerous to mention.

LCC karate team competes

by Sue Rebeck

The LCC Tae-Kwon Karate Team traveled to Seattle Saturday to participate in the All-collegiate Karate Tournament held at Shoreline Community College.

One-hundred fifty people, representing 21 schools took part in the event.

Although only five members of the LCC team were able to participate, all five, according to Chief Instructor Bruce Combs, performed well, with four members placing high in their divisions.

Teresa LaCoy and Paula Loftin competed in the Women's Division. Ms. Loftin (green belt) won four matches by shut-outs 2-1, giving her first place in the division. Ms. LaCoy followed with second place.

Ron Henry, fighting in the heavy-weight white belt division won four match by shut-outs, winning his fourth match in overtime to take first place honors in his class.

Bruce Combs, fighting in the heavy-weight black belt division lost his first match 2-3 in double-

elimination competition and won his second match 3-1, giving him third place in his class.

Three goals...

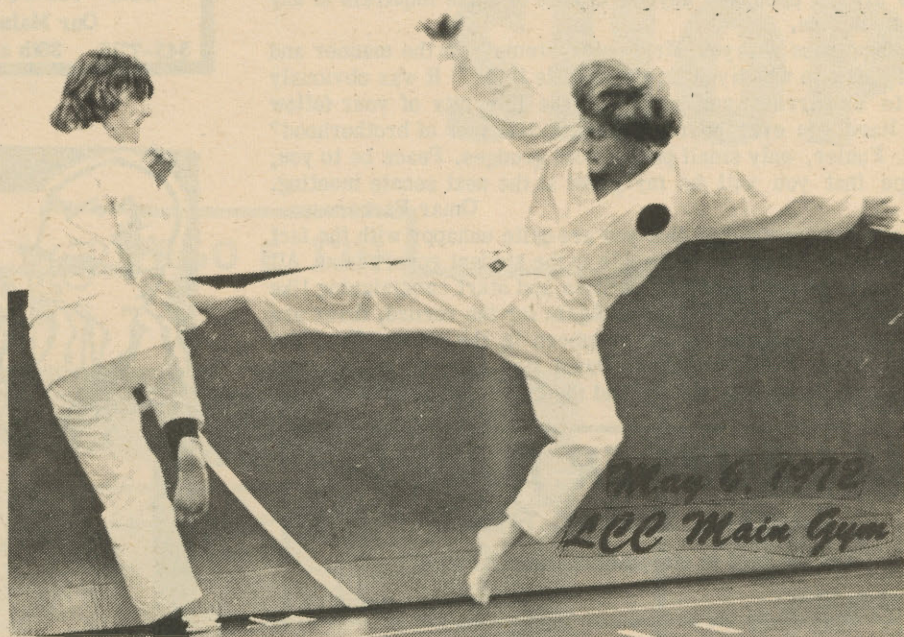
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The two groups held work sessions and spoke with congressmen this past weekend as a beginning to 1972 student mobilization against the war.

The LCC Tae-Kwon Karate Club presents The Second Annual Cascade Open Karate Tournament



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Evening classes suffering from lack of information

"As I began to collect the credits I needed, I realized that there were fewer and fewer classes I could take. This is not just because I've completed a lot—there just aren't as many evening courses now."

Tom Curtis is a night student. Like a lot of working people in the community, he sees a need for furthering his education. The only way he can afford to do this is by taking night classes.

As the chairman of the Evening College Advisory Committee, Curtis gets a close view of the problems facing LCC's evening students. "There is a possibility that in the future, there won't be a night school," he said. Rather than making any big improvements in the evening curriculum, he warned, the college is going backwards.

"We've gotten real fair treatment from the administration," he stated. "We don't have any real complaints about anybody specifically." He explained the problems mainly in terms of awareness and communication. "Anything we've tried to get done was usually accepted. But the administration and the people of the college tell us that they never realized these things were wrong."

A year-round undertaking, approved by the Board of Education, the Evening College Advisory Committee has had a visible effect on the conditions surrounding the night school. "We don't advise anyone," said Curtis. "We simply make recommendations."

Some examples of the committee's accomplishments are keeping the cafeteria open until 10 p.m., and providing them with a hot meal, rather than just hamburgers and sandwiches. The bookstore is now kept open until 8:30, and the library's hours were extended as well.

In all of these instances, there was no real difficulty in persuading the responsible people to make adjustments. The problems besetting the committee isn't a financial one.

Barbarossa answers accusations

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the LCC Board of Education or the administration.

I would not quarrel with any student who questions how the student senate spends monies which are collected through student fees. Our books are always open and anyone is free to make inquiries at any time they so desire.

My unhappiness with you, Mr. Fouler, stems from the manner and attitude of spirit in which you did your "little thing." It was obviously intended to embarrass and challenge the integrity of your fellow students. Have you ever heard of the solidarity or of brotherhood? Well, Mr. Fouler, only small people hold grudges. Peace be to you, and I hope that you will be my guest at the next senate meeting.

Omar Barbarossa

P.S. It was my understanding that you are quite unhappy with the fact that there are not enough white people in the student government. All I can say is go and get yourself a petition and start campaigning like everyone else who is in office did. Again for the record, there are only three nonwhites out of 52 members in the senate. They are Jay Bolton, First Vice-President; David Red Fox, treasurer; and myself. One of these was elected and the other two were appointed.

"It's attendance," Curtis stated. "We need more classes offered. It's impossible for me to get an A.A. degree going to night school." When his committee recommended this to the administration they were receptive. "But they told us if there is more attendance, we'll add more classes."

Despite the backward logic of such a proposal, the committee undertook a survey, which indicated a strong interest in a stenography course. "It was immediately filled up," said Curtis.

"We had a class in small business management that went from 30 to 72 students overnight. Now we've got the attendance, but not enough classes."

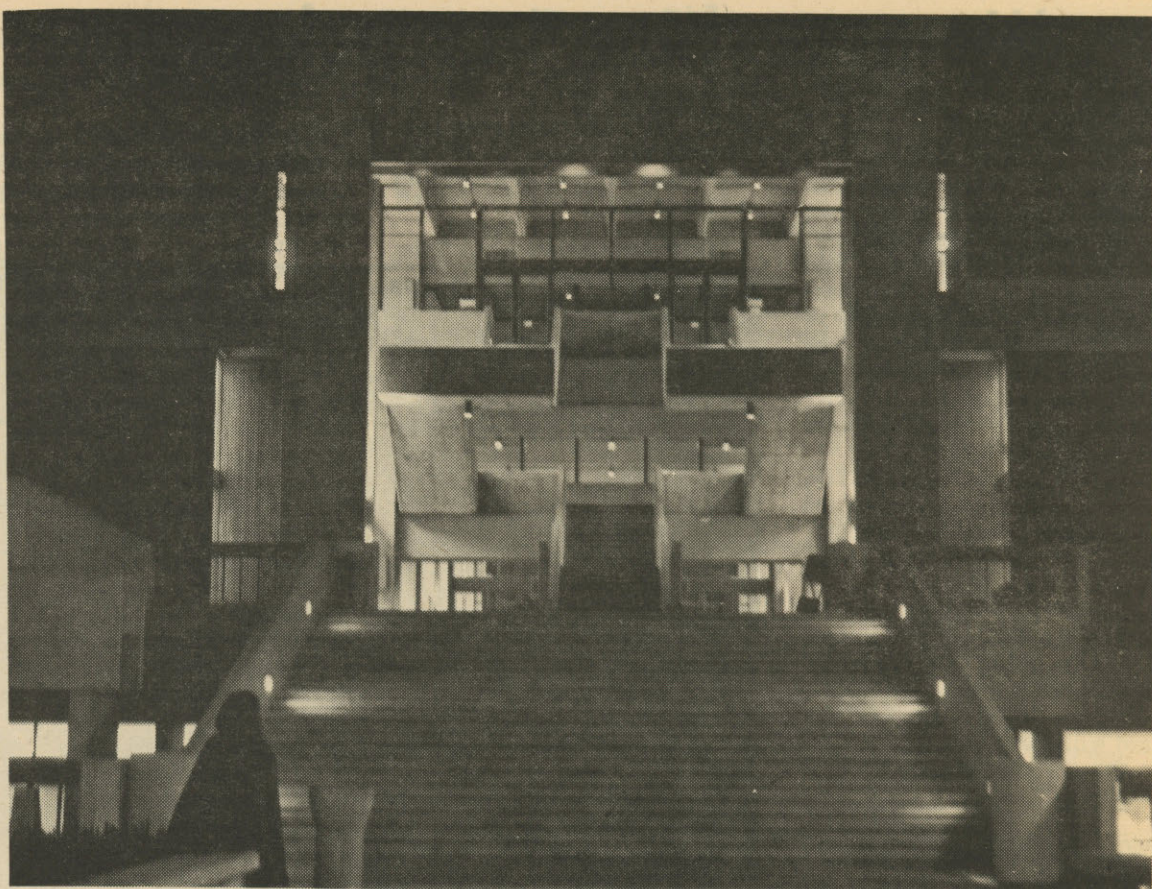
One of the biggest shortcomings in the evening program is the lack of information about night school needs, especially in the area of registration.

"The problem with an evening student is that he's not as persistent as a daytime student," he added. "If a guy comes in to register for a night class, and is told that the class he wants is full, he is likely to just give up. A daytime student knows he's going to have to go through some kind of hassle."

As soon as 12 people are turned away at registration, a class that could have been offered, isn't. No one knows how often this happens. Curtis would like to see some sort of record kept of these refusals at registration in order to initiate new classes when sufficient interest is shown.

"All we want to do is keep the door open for people who want to go to school. What we're going for is a night school that's complete. If we don't do it, we'll lose it in a year and a half or two years," warned Curtis.

The Evening College Advisory Committee would like to see ten per cent of the college courses offered at night. Right now they've got about five per cent—not much of a choice in obtaining a well-rounded education.



Not much of a choice

About two to three hundred people who attend LCC night school may have no place to go in the future according to Tom Curtis, chairman of the Evening College Advisory Committee.

"There is a possibility," he said, "that in the future there won't be a night school." He commented that he felt the college was going backwards.

All departments to open for Skills Fair

by Don Grimberg

The LCC Skills Fair, as mentioned in last week's TORCH is set for April 27. The college invites the people who pay for the facilities to see first-hand the wide variety of skills students are learning. All departments and many classes will be open to visitors.

The Office of Community Services is organizing the event. Ann Stewart, a Community Services Aide working on the event is encouraging local clubs, such as the Lions and Kiwanas club to visit, and she has also sent advertisements to the Lane County District schools. "People have no idea what is out here," she said.

"Through the Skills Fair there is now a reason to come out."

She said this being the first year of such an event "we hope it is a real success so we can continue the program annually."

But she expressed a drawback in having the Skills Fair just one month before the election. "I would like to see the Fair held a week or so after the election next year, so that the people don't think it's just a political move," she explained, pointing out that citizens should see their school functioning throughout the year.

A Mexican dinner, Karate demonstrations, paintings (by Washington artist, Charles Mulvey) antique displays and paintings, and batik works by adult education classes high light the special events and exhibits of the Skills Fair. Admission will be free. Most departments will open at 5 a.m. on the 27th.

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The Kirk affair...

(Editor's note: The following commentary was submitted by Dave Otos, a reporter for the TORCH. Otos favors Ben Kirk in Kirk's protest over administration and SPPC decisions to deny the instructor's contract renewal, and, therefore, wishes to acknowledge that his personal inquiry is a point-of-view report.)

"I DO want the students to realize the things in their own lives that create or promote major problems in our modern world," says Ben Kirk "but if they want to solve the problems they'll have to apply themselves to the hard science. Research and hard work, not political hassles."

Kirk's job as a physical science instructor at LCC is now in danger. The SPPC (Staff Personnel Policy Committee) voted 4 to 2 to recommend that Ben Kirk not be re-hired as a physical science instructor.

In the spring of 1971, Kirk was placed on probation and asked to outline the class that he would be teaching the next fall at LCC. He was also asked to outline an alternative course for a tentative implementation in the school year 1972-73. He was told that as long as he followed those course plans his job would not be in any jeopardy.

Kirk feels that he followed his outline through the fall as closely as possible in a classroom environment; he puts the emphasis on freedom, choice, and commitment from the students.

Kirk feels that classroom motivation should come from within the students. Consequently, much of the class time is spent talking about the application of physical science to students' lives.

This classroom freedom has brought Kirk under fire from other instructors who believe in tighter structures. An instructor friend of Kirk's, who asked to remain anonymous, stated that Kirk is putting those instructors who do their minimal 15 hours of lecture a week and slide through the rest, in a very "uncomfortable" position. Individualized instruction is very hard work.

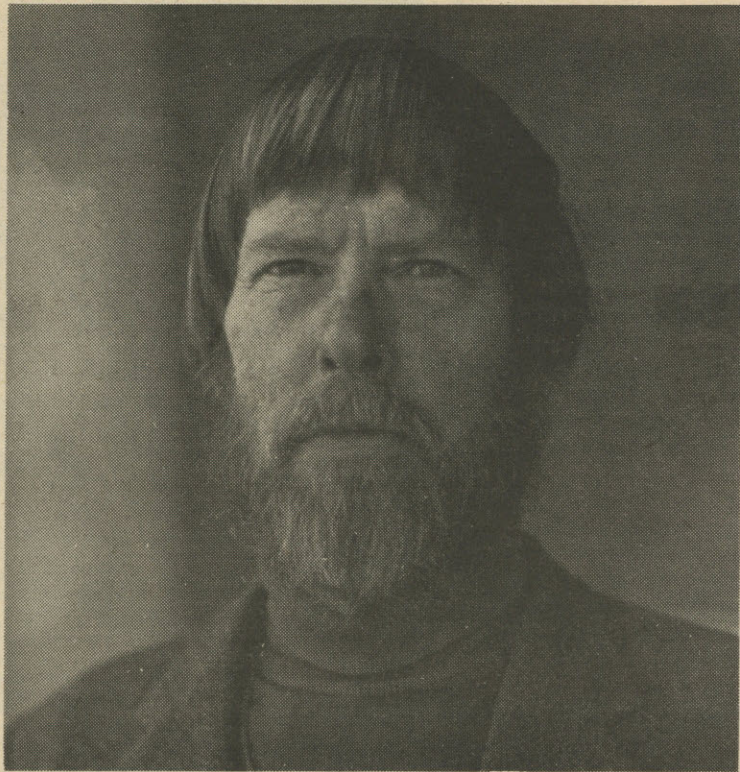
His emphasis on action and involvement has inspired many programs such as Ride-on, Students for Survival, and others doing work in environmental technology.

"Kirk came to us as a tall, slender, well-groomed man with respectable references..." reads the 1970-71 supervisor's recommendation report submitted by Science Department Chairman John Jacobs.

The report goes on to say that Ben Kirk's philosophy and conduct are definitely geared to a "special group," but fails to define what exactly a "special group" is. The recommendation finishes with "under present conditions and philosophy I do not consider Mr. Kirk an asset to the school, nor is he causing any degradation." It fails to mention who's philosophy Kirk would better function under but it is assumed it would be Jacobs!

Most of the selective in-put into the evaluation proceedings was not quite as middle-of-the-road, but maintained the same ambiguity.

One married couple in Kirk's class maintained that Kirk and his "student friends" asked them to leave the classroom after they criticized a film the class saw as being Communist propaganda. According to Kirk "It was said that the film was Communist propaganda... and later,



Ben Kirk

that one is exposed to American propaganda everyday. With that reality in our minds the class broke up. I had no knowledge there was any harassment to anyone in the class, or that anyone left."

One student from Thailand criticized Kirk in a letter for his discussion of the war in Vietnam.

A third letter complained of the time spent on political issues in the class.

These letters that are part of the evaluation are somewhat peculiar in the fact that the authors had exposure to Kirk in different terms, but all wrote their letter in the same week in January.

Generally, Ben Kirk's relationship with students is one that is a bit unusual. Science Department head Jacobs told Kirk's class that he truly wished that he had the support and following from students that Kirk had. When asked why he taught, he replied in the same breath "for money of course," at which, according to report, Mr. Jacobs received much criticism from Kirk's students.

After his extraordinarily long day Kirk puts in several hours of labor on his small farm on Little Fall Creek, that he and his wife, June, own. Kirk is up in the morning with the sun and jogs a couple miles before leaving for school. That and the way he eats is a large part of the reason he looks so young at age 58.

Ben Kirk received master's degrees from Michigan State University in forestry in 1937, University of Michigan in science education in 1960, and from Purdue University in physics in 1964. He thinks he has enough college credits now for another master's.

During the war (World War II) Kirk was a lieutenant in the US Navy as a gunnery officer on a battleship, and later an aircraft carrier in the South Pacific. He was assigned to the army after the war to work on the military government in Korea.

He presently has a son who is an MD in the Navy in Boston, a son with a Ph.D. in chemistry who works for an electronics components plant, and a son who works for the Office of Economic Opportunity. Kirk says he has learned a lot from his sons. "I used to argue value-systems with them," Kirk said, "and then one day they made me realize that I wasn't arguing my values, but those of others that I blindly accepted."

According to Board Chairman Catherine Lauris, the Board has very little more information now than they did in December when they evaluated and approved Kirk's teaching methods. "I think it is unfortunate that there isn't a structured place for students on the SPPC, but that could change." She added: "We wanted to be as fair as possible in the evaluations and to have them done by the instructors' peers."

The SPPC includes two individuals from the Mechanics Department, a secretary, a warehouseman, a worker for Adult Education, and individuals from Language Arts, and the Science Department. They were elected by the members of classified (janitors, secretaries, etc.) the administration, and the faculty.

"There has been some questions raised by the type of inquiry that was done," commented ASLCC President Omar Barbarosa. He continued: "President Schafer gave us his word at the Board meeting in December that Ben would be allowed to also teach an alternative course with college transfer credit." Later a very similar course to Kirk's proposed course was presented to the Instructional Council from another department. "I was somewhat suspicious when this happened, and I got it tabled," said Barbarosa; "but later one of the Board members was approached by one of the deans and told 'we stopped Kirk now.'" He felt it isn't the proper time to disclose the names, but said that sooner or later it would come out.

Barbarosa said he felt that freedom of education was the freedom to teach what is morally contemporary. He concluded: "if we allow Ben Kirk to be fired, this school is the one that will suffer. We will be shutting the doors to other imaginative and creative instructors who are here now, and certainly the 'non-traditional' types will not entertain the idea of coming to LCC."

According to math instructor Bud Cook, "Ben's primary interest is his students." If that be the case, other instructors please take note, and take caution accordingly.

Ben feels this is the most successful year he has had in his 25 years of teaching science. "I grew aware of myself as a human being, and not as someone playing a role or a part." Ben said softly: "Naturally this has modified my behavior somewhat but I haven't degressed."

This Week

THE BLOODIEST FIGHTING in the Vietnam War since 1968 continued into its third week with North Vietnamese divisions continuing on their southern advance. Most of Quang Tri province is in Communist hands and the provincial capital of An Loc is witnessing house-to-house fighting.

Yet the biggest single US action in years occurred with the decision to bomb the Haiphong Harbor area near Hanoi. The harbor has been off-limits to US air power since the original escalation of the war, because Soviet and Chinese ships use the port for supplying North Vietnam with her needed weapons. If US air power attacked those ships the possibility of open war with those two countries might be the result.

About 200 bombers took part in Saturday's raids with fighter escorts. Informants in Saigon said that the bombing raids avoided the harbor itself and concentrated on warehouses and storage areas in the city of Haiphong.

In Phu Bai, which is just south of the capital city of Hue, about 100 US soldiers refused to advance when ordered to because they felt the advance was too dangerous. The soldiers were from "Charlie" Company, 2nd Battalion, 196 Infantry Brigade. The US Command said none of the soldiers actually refused to go into the field. One of the officers present told the men that their hesitation to go would endanger another Company already at the forward position. The men then climbed aboard trucks to be moved to their defensive positions.

Politically, critics of Nixon's policies said that the bombing of Haiphong was a very "dangerous" decision and that it could only mean further escalation of the war.

and the North Vietnamese delegates to the Paris Peace Talks, still stalled by the President's decision to postpone them, said Saturday that Nixon had secretly offered to reopen the talks and that when the North Vietnamese accepted, Nixon then refused.

The Chinese Ping-Pong team which has been playing their US counter-parts in Detroit this week, ran into difficulty regarding security arrangements. Unlike the US tour to China where the team was free to go virtually anywhere, the Chinese team here has found security so tight that their movements are almost totally restricted. Police escort their buses to and from matches, and FBI agents surround them wherever they are. Added to this restriction, the Rev. Carl McIntyre, the anti-communist evangelist preacher, has led a small but vocal group of demonstrators constantly calling on the athletes to "defect" to the US.

United Press International reported this week that a task force, commissioned by the Environmental Protection Agency, has found that mercury poisoning potential to Americans is far more a problem than previously thought. The task force discovery, which has not yet been released, was leaked to the media by a group of ecology activists who got access to the report.

The report states that, though most of the public is aware of the mercury contamination resulting from the ingestion of certain fish, that the total mercury absorbed to people is far more. Considering industrial use of the chemical, the task force feels that absorption through the air, drinking water, and skin absorption represents a percentage much higher than the .5 parts per million which is the government standard.

The task force said that if mercury contamination were suddenly to cease, the effects would continue for years to come. They called for much stronger measures in dealing with industrial contamination by mercury, as well as much more effort in the researching of the problem.

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To inquire about Jobs, contact the LCC Placement Office at 747-4501, ext. 228.

PART TIME/ male or female vocalist to audition for position in band. \$30 per night.

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PART TIME/ Babysitter: Hours: 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. 50¢ hour.

PART TIME/ Radio & Television repairman: Would prefer student about to graduate from program. Wants person to go into new business. Pay: 80 per cent of repair work done.

FULL TIME/ Summer Work: 6 men preferably with farm background. To do truck driving, baler operator, hauling straw (twine tie) in Coburg area. Pay: Up to \$2.50 per hour. Starts: July 1st.

FULL TIME/ Bus boys and room service: Hours: 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Pay: \$1.25 plus tips and room service money.

PART TIME/ Farm Hand: Work with sheep, mend fences, etc. Hours: Variable Pay: Open. Summer Work.

FULL TIME/ Any student about to graduate who would be inter-

ested in positions with an insurance company: All information on qualifications and training program at Placement Office.

FULL TIME/ Student apartment managers needed: Must be married, 23 years old, some experience in managing and maintenance. Must be available for minimum of one full calendar year, preferably two.

Board of Education

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letics submitted by the coaches, the athletic director, and Health and Physical Education department chairman. It stated their positions on several matters relating to intercollegiate athletics, and funding teams and individual athletes for championship meets and tournaments.

The Administration was directed to return to the Board with a plan for handling the problems mentioned in the paper. The Board also requested the administration to develop a position paper on the funding of the entire athletics program. (See story in the Sports Section.)



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