

health

by Barbara Connely and Sandy Boyson
Health Services

This is the first of a continuing series dealing with health-related issues. The column can serve as an alert system for current local illnesses, such as the Port Chalmers flu which is entering the state. A main focus will be on answering any medical questions you may have. We want your suggestions, questions, and criticisms.

LCC Student Health Services were started three years ago by students to meet some of their needs for accessible, low-cost health care. This year, the Services are continuing to expand and gain increasing national recognition.

Approximately 100 inquiries have been received this year from other institutions, one as far away as Hong Kong, about the LCC Student Health Center. These schools are interested in how the Clinic functions, and how their own student bodies can begin similar clinics.

The January, 1975 issue of Community & Junior College News, distributed nationally, contained a history of the clinic:

"A community of 10,000 students--representing in a large measure the economically depressed portion of an already economically depressed country--has more in the way of health woes than just a bunch of bumps and bruises.

"Until about three years ago, the Student Health Service at LCC was barely more than one of those little institutional first-aid stations, limited mostly to a heres-a-band-aid-and-two-aspirins-before-bedtime-next-please brand of service. Lane's students were acutely aware if they were going to get an education, they were going to have to stay healthy.

"In 1972, they taxed themselves \$14,000 of their student fees. By the beginning of 1973, the first primary health care clinic financed by any Oregon Community College student body was in operation."

The Clinic has grown over the years due to the tremendous need for its services and the hard work of concerned students and staff. The Clinic offers a wide variety of services: primary health care for short-term illnesses and injuries; referrals to specialists; VD testing and treatment; tests for pregnancy, mono, and hepatitis; family planning; and health education. Only physical exams and family planning cost extra. Both are \$5 each.

The LCC Development Fund recently gave the Clinic \$1,000. The Clinic used half to buy an incubator in which to do throat and gonorrhea cultures, and half to hire a qualified person to do vision and hearing testing. Peer counseling will soon become one of the services offered, and there are plans for a Health Fair on campus in the spring.

The staff of the Clinic now includes a coordinator, a part-time doctor, two full-time nurses (one of whom is a gynecological nurse practitioner), two part-time nurses, a part-time lab technician, and a secretary. There is also a varying number of nursing students, cooperative work experience people, medical office assistants, and work-study students.

The Clinic receives an average of 65 students a day--during Fall Term 3,650 students were seen in the Primary Health Clinic, and 273 in the Family Planning Clinic.

There is no hierarchy of importance in the staff. Students are encouraged to take responsibility for their health by learning preventive measures, and communicating clearly their health problems and concerns to clinic staff.

As the economy gets progressively worse, the need for clinics like LCC's will multiply. Public health facilities have had cut backs in federal funds and are overwhelmed by enormous caseloads. At last count, over 53 percent of the LCC student body fell below the established Office of Economic Opportunity-established poverty level. The need exists, and will increase for local, inexpensive health care responsive to the community it serves.

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Bellevue Film Festival, University Theatre, 8 p.m.
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Women for Equality, Cen 113, 4 p.m.
Christian Fellowship, Hea 101, 12 noon

thurs. 6

Dental Students Brkfst., Cen 124, 8 a.m.
LCC Jazz Band, Cen 101, 2 pm

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Dance, Iguana Outside, LCC Cafeteria, 8 p.m.
OSPIRG, SRC, 12 noon
Women's Bsktbl, LCC, 6 p.m.
Wrestling, LCC, 7:30 p.m.

sat. 8

Wrestling Tournament, LCC, 1 p.m.
Men's Bsktbl, LCC, 7:30 p.m.
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Willamette U, 8 p.m.

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Japanese Wood Block Prints, UO Art Museum, 2 p.m.

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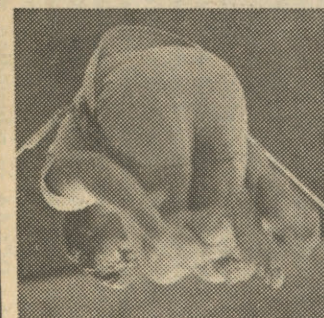
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of a topsy-turvy world

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LCC U of O: illiteracy a crisis

by Mike McLain

A significant number (25 to 30 percent) of incoming LCC freshmen have not acquired the necessary skills in reading and writing to do college level work, and the problem is getting worse, according to some LCC instructors.

In a study done at the U of O illiteracy was recognized as a "crisis." In the last four years, the number of remedial composition courses being offered has increased by 200 percent. At LCC the problem is documented by a 122 percent increase since last year in the number of people taking advantage of the Study Skills Department writing program, while there has been only a 16 percent increase in the total school enrollment.

Jim Ellison, the director of the Study Skills Department, says that there are more and more people coming out of high school who cannot comprehend a textbook beyond the eighth grade level.

"The problem has been very well concealed; there is tremendous social stigma attached to people who cannot read or write, well, and they just don't want anyone to know," says Ellison.

He says learning deficiencies begin in the elementary schools, for a number of reasons. The increasing size of classes limit the emphasis on individual help; parents are more concerned with their child's advancement than with what they learn; and that "we're still not sure how children learn to read—everyone has his own ideas" causing very little method continuity.

According to information Ellison received, 43 percent of elementary-school children are in critical need of reading help, and they aren't getting it.

On the high-school level, there are at least 2.7 million students who cannot keep up with their classmates because of reading difficulties, and almost half of these receive no help in school.

For those who do not go on to college, but go directly into the work force, the desire or ability to advance is severely hampered by their literacy problems.

"A common situation," according to Ellison, "is when someone will advance to just below the foreman position and will not try to go any farther, or when offered a foreman position, will turn it down because he is not willing to admit he has reading or writing difficulties."

On the college level there is a concerted effort to resolve the situation. One effort, according to Ellison, is to "adjust the reading level of college textbooks downward without watering down the actual content."

Another is to encourage more people to take advantage of programs like LCC's Study Skills Center. Remedial courses in reading, writing, spelling, and vocabulary are offered in this voluntary program, and 630 people are currently taking part.

Ellison says there is no "typical" student at the Center: "We have people from all walks of life; factory workers, students, housewives, doctors—many different types."

He says "many people are ashamed of reading and writing problems and it's quite a step for them to seek help. But more and more people are doing it."

"We try to provide a classroom atmosphere here, and we have the time and personnel to give whatever amount of individual help is needed."

But Jerry Garger, an English composition instructor, doesn't agree that the problem is so severe.

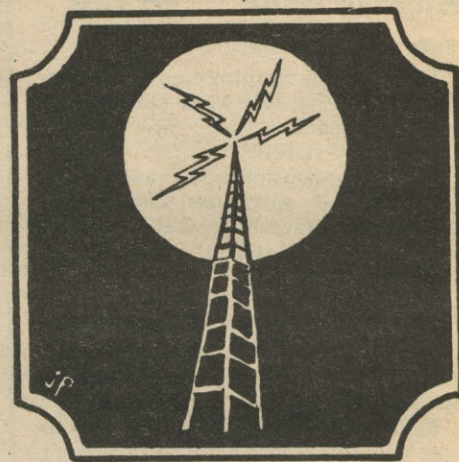
"There is some problem with terminology and structure but the students I have this year are turning out some of the best work I've seen. I've got them doing daily journals, and when they are allowed to write outside of a structure, they show tremendous insight and clarity."

Garger says he's heard this complaint about literacy problems for so long, he's sick of it. "It's putting someone down for something they aren't responsible for. People got turned off to writing by English teachers in high school." He thinks these teachers structured their students too much, and he "gets better response by just letting it happen."

"If a lot of students flunk from any class then the teachers have flunked, too."

Garger sees part of the problem to be overpopulated writing classes and thinks there should be some way other students can be motivated to help those who need it.

"The teachers should get it together," Garger concluded, "and get the money together to start programs on their own instead of trying to do it through the educational system."



Board: no show KVDO: no go?

by Rick Bella

The LCC Board of Education's special meeting Jan. 28 was cancelled, leaving the question of the acquisition of KVDO TV-Salem hanging in legislative limbo.

The special meeting was called when Don Tykeson of Liberty Broadcasting said that waiting for the regularly-scheduled meeting on Feb. 12 "would be putting it off too long." Liberty Broadcasting owns KVDO, and has offered it for sale to LCC and its partners in a consortium of community colleges in Oregon.

Nobody involved would give specific reasons for cancelling the meeting, and LCC President Eldon Schafer claimed only "reasons of mutual convenience."

The cancellation was, however, initiated by Tykeson or the LCC Administration—not the Board of Education.

"I just received a call and was told that the meeting was cancelled," said Acting Board Chairman John Barber.

Tykeson claims that he is not withdrawing the offer. He maintains that he needed time to study some of the concerns of some of the Board members, the main one being the degree of LCC's involvement in the consortium.

At the Jan. 28 meeting of the College Cabinet, Schafer said he was searching for another school to take the financial and administrative burdens off LCC. While again declining to be specific, he hinted that Chemeketa or Linn-Benton might be top candidates.

The Board will meet on Feb. 12 in the Board Room of the Administration Building at 7:30 p.m. The public may attend.

Colleges appeal to Salem



All 13 schools
fear fillet of
budget

by Jan Brown

LCC's open door policy may be in jeopardy unless the State Legislature votes funds to help balance the school's budget, according to Eldon Schafer, LCC president.

The school's budget woes reflect the county's economic problems; taxpayers are delinquent on their payments due to financial problems caused by unemployment.

The unemployment has, in turn, boosted LCC's enrollment to an all time, unpredicted, high.

But help may be in sight.

Oregon's 13 community colleges are carrying an estimated 4,725 non-funded FTE's (the equivalent of one student carrying 15 hours of study per week).

The colleges are making a group effort to persuade the legislature to fund the actual, rather than estimated number of FTE's enrolled.

"This increase could become effective immediately," Schafer said.

However he expressed skepticism concerning the legislature's approval of the supplementary funds saying, "The Committee warned us last June that additional funds probably would not be available this year."

A decision is expected in early February, allowing sufficient time to make the necessary adjustments for Spring Term.

The Ways and Means Committee, which holds the purse strings for the supplementary funds, will be touring the LCC campus within the next two weeks.

"Perhaps, Student Body President, Sallie Torres, could present our case to the Committee at this time," Schafer stated.

Dr. Don Shelton, director of the Oregon community college assembly, met with the finance committee of the CC Presidents' Council (including Schafer)

Jan. 29 to discuss the problem.

Shelton acts as lobbyist for the community colleges. He pointed out to Governor Bob Straub that a 3.8 and 2.7 percent increase for community colleges was unfair in the wake of inflation. The Governor has since recommended an 8 percent and 10 percent increase. However, the Ways and Means Committee must recommend the bill and the Legislature must approve it before it becomes a reality.

"LCC's proposed budget was designed to support the 6,600 FTE's and it is currently being state funded for only 6,150 FTE's," Schafer explained.

Approximately 7,000 FTE's are enrolled this term which means the school lacks state funding for 900 of them.

Student tuition covers the cost of 10 units. Any additional units a student takes would normally be supported by FTE funds, which are short; property tax which is delinquent; and other state funds, which have not kept pace with inflation.

"We want to serve all who come to LCC. It would be disastrous to turn students away—even now, students are taking classes they don't really want just to get their foot in the door," Schafer concluded.

Senate meeting: now we have it ...now we don't

by Mike McLain

Attendance problems and parliamentary procedure met head-on Thursday at the Student Senate meeting resulting in several examples of Catch-22 logic.

As an example of the most pressing problem facing the organization, the Senate was unable to begin its meeting for a frustrating and sometimes hilarious hour because of senator absences.

Since only 14 senators (of the 28 presently filled positions) showed up, ASLCC President Sallie Torres was unable to call the meeting to order because of the quorum rule (which requires of the membership, half plus one of present senators to be in attendance).

Richard Weber, the newly-appointed senator from the evening program, pointed out that if he was sworn in, he would be the fifteenth, making a quorum. But the executive cabinet expressed unease at swearing in a new senator unless it was during an official meeting, so the idea was dropped, for the time being.

Then, Jon Brenard noted that there were four senators who would be dropped

from the role after this meeting for having missed three meetings this year; this would lower the quorum number to 24, making the 14 senators present enough to establish a quorum.

But... it was decided by the members they couldn't drop someone for having missed a meeting that hadn't started yet. So that idea was dropped, too, for the time being.

Then, Weber, standing in the gallery of the Board Room, asked if there was anything in the Senate by-laws forbidding his swearing-in. Torres acknowledged there was no rule against it but there had been problems with similar actions in the past. She said if she could get the support of the attending senators, she would go ahead and install Weber. After a unanimous show of approval, Weber raised his right hand and Torres administered the oath.

But, just as Weber was lowering his hand, in through the Board Room doors walked the fifteenth (and quorum determining) senator.

So... amidst applause and cheers, Weber's swearing in was recognized as invalid, a roll call was taken, a quorum was established, the meeting was called to order, and Weber was sworn in, again.

With its meeting now called to order, the Senate decided the first item for consideration should be absences. A motion was passed defining an absence as leaving a meeting before 5 p.m. or being more than 20 minutes late unless properly excused.

Then a motion was passed dropping the four absent senators from the role, lowering the quorum determining number to 24 in the hope that if anyone had to leave the meeting before it was over, there would still be enough to carry on.

During the first break, Michael Newton, from the Language Arts Department, resigned from the senate giving no reason.

According to Hood, there are now 29 vacancies in the senate, out of a total of 53 positions.

In other business:

The Photography Club was granted a loan of \$100 for supplies.

The Women for Equality Club was given \$100 to bring the Co-Respondents, a feminist theater group, to LCC to perform for free in a conscience-raising effort.

According to Connie Hood, ASLCC secretary, there will probably be a special meeting this Thursday to complete last Thursday's agenda, and to consider more of the Senate's pressing problems.

Rights bill Review required

by Rick Bella

The LCC Institutional Bill of Rights may go through some changes.

The document, adopted in October 1971, establishes guidelines for conduct within the college and covers a wide range of topics including admission policy, classroom expression, media, student government, access to records, and appeal procedures.

The last section of the document contains provision for yearly review by a committee consisting of one administrator, one faculty employee, one classified employee, and three students.

According to Bert Dotson, assistant to the president, the sections covering appeals, student records, and others possibly superseded by the new union contracts will be carefully studied.

Peter Hale, chairman of the Institutional Bill of Rights Review Committee, says that the members of that group will work "to produce a just and sound document."

The committee has a tentative schedule for the project:

First Meeting: Feb. 11, 3:30 p.m. Complete review of the existing IBR, identification of problem areas;

Second Meeting: Receive proposed changes from the college community, form a rough draft of proposed changes;

Third Meeting: Public hearing, time and place for feedback to be announced on the rough draft;

Fourth Meeting: Final draft;

Fifth Meeting: Presentation to the Board of Education.

Hale says that any student should feel free to contact him for information concerning the document or the committee.

Whadya mean ... no jobs

by Julie Overton

The Oregon Employment Division sent out a release last week stating that several occupations are in demand throughout the state.

The occupations include auto mechanics and auto body specialists, sales people of all kinds, restaurant workers, medical personnel (including registered and licensed practical nurses), engineers, draftspeople, and clerical workers.

Buck Bailey, Job Placement Office director, added that "heavy construction seems to be holding its own" and also "repair work is good."

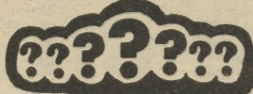
Bailey stated that "we've got a lot of people going to school because they can't go to work." LCC's current enrollment is up approximately 2,100 since last spring. It has been suggested that many are currently unemployed.

Again, repair work is listed high on recent employment lists. "If the public can't afford to replace a used or broken product, they will probably have it fixed and that takes manpower," says Bailey. Heavy construction jobs such as building demolition, landscaping and roadwork are available. Babysitters and people with clerical skills are always needed, he said.

Students may find applications for employment in the Placement Office on the second floor of the Center Building. Once an application is completed, the student should check in every day to see what jobs have come in.

If a student finds an interesting job possibility in the cards listing job opportunities, an interview will be arranged.

Some job openings from the Job Placement Office are listed in the want ads in the TORCH.



Question: Have you used the LCC Health Service Program and were you satisfied with the results?

by Julie Overton

Answer: Tom Burrows, business major

"That's where I get all my physicals for sports. Their service is good. I went in there for strep throat; they took a culture and it only took one day. If I would have gone to a regular doctor it would have cost around thirty bucks. It's a real help to most guys in sports. If a guy sprains his ankle or something, the Health Center is right there if he needs them."

Answer: Lyn Juill, science-math major

"They give good service, but you have to wait so long. You have to ask the nurse for a band-aid, and they're just sitting right there on the counter, but you still have to ask the nurse for one."

Answer: George Renthrop, psychology major.

"I have used the Health Service twice, once for a cold. I kept coughing and they gave me some throat lozenges--and once for a minor cut on my finger. It wasn't any hassle at all."

Answer: Wilma Fenner, business office major

"I haven't ever used the Health Service; I never knew it existed until now!"

Answer: John Bakerts, undeclared major

"I like the Health Office; everyone seems nice. You do have to wait in line sometimes, but if you're not really sick enough to go to your regular doctor--but you still feel lousy--it's worth the time and money you save to have to sit there for a while."

NEWS CAP

Colleg reps visit Wednesday

Nineteen private colleges and universities will have representatives at Lane Community College Wednesday, Feb. 5, to talk with prospective students.

They will meet in the northeast corner of the Cafeteria from 9 to 11 a.m.

Institutions in Oregon, Washington and Idaho have indicated they will send representatives. Included are: Lewis and Clark, Linfield, George Fox, Warner Pacific, Reed, Pacific, Willamette, University of Portland, Seattle Pacific, Whitworth, Whitman, Ft. Wright, St. Martin's, Pacific Lutheran, Seattle, Gonzaga, University of Puget Sound, Northwest Nazarene, and College of Idaho.

Applications due for Paradental

Students intending to enroll in one of LCC's four paramedical or paradental programs must act soon.

Applicants have only one month to enroll in dental hygiene and respiratory therapy, and until April 1 to apply for dental assisting and medical office assisting.

Registration forms and specially-prepared information packets for each program are available from the LCC Admissions Office. Each packet contains detailed course information, admission requirements, testing information, and a cover letter requesting transcripts from an applicant's former school, if transcripts are needed.

Dental hygiene and respiratory therapy are two-year programs, and dental assisting and medical office assisting are one-year programs.

SRC volunteers support to clubs

The Student Resource Center (SRC) is extending help to clubs and organizations on campus.

According to Mike Chudzik, director, organizations "shall be given any needed support to carry out their ambitions."

Chudzik also said that he felt students are "alienated" from one another, and need to meet other students of common interests.

Occasionally, a few members of these different areas find a single, common interest and try to organize it. In effect this causes ... a restructuring of social attitudes and respect for one another."

Chudzik also said that the SRC intends to "encourage social bridging by helping people organize their efforts through the aid of this office." He extended the offer of help to any organization on campus.

The Student Resource Center is located on the second floor of the Center Building, outside the east entrance of the Main Concourse.

Child center filled to capacity

by Jan Bakken

LCC's Child Development Center is full this term, but applications are available for future placement, according to Linda Riwe, Center coordinator.

The Center, which has been in operation for seven years, is designed to serve the small children of full and part-time students attending LCC classes.

The Center offers its babysitting and teaching services to all children three to five years old. Students pay 60 cents per hour for part-time services and \$5.50 per day for full-time child care.

There are 60 openings in the Center each term for children.

Students interested in finding out more about the Child Development Center may obtain an application from the secretart in the Home Economics Office.

Cast announced for 'Seasons'

by Lisa Farque

"A Man for All Seasons," a play by Robert Bolt, is the next production scheduled in the LCC Performing Arts season.

Director Edward Ragozzino has selected the cast and rehearsals have begun for the play about Sir Thomas More's moral conflict with the corrupt men surrounding King Henry VIII. It has been described by admirers as a "drama of unusual beauty, power, and grandeur."

George Lauris has the role of Sir Thomas More. Lauris is a theater instructor at LCC and is also a director—he directed "Hotel Paradiso" earlier this year. Others in the cast are: Fred Pattle as The Common Man, Al Strobel as The Duke of Norfolk, Wayne Ballantyne as Cardinal Wolsey, and Tim Winters as Will Roper.

Dick Reid will play Thomas Crammer, Steve Boergadine is cast as Cromwell, Julie Robinson as Lady Alice More, Arnold Laferty as Signor Chapuys, Alan Wood as King Henry VIII, and Don Porter as Master Richard Rich.

Performances are scheduled for April 4-5, 7, and 10-12.

Klamath Indians loan

An exhibit of paintings of Indians and Indian artifacts along with a nature-in-miniature scene will be on display until the middle of February in the LCC Library.

Nez Perce and Modoc Indians are the subjects of a display loaned by LCC student Sherman Carter, who, in his boyhood, lived on the Klamath Indian Reservation.

Need use of a typewriter?

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Letters

Now that the TORCH is printing a schedule of activities, I really don't have much of a complaint against Robin Tappan, our publicity director. Although I would like to comment on his views stated in an open letter to students in the Jan. 1 issue of the TORCH.

In his letter he told how concerned he was about my letter recommending a student activities calendar. He also made his position quite clear when he wrote "my title is Publicity Director not producer." Had Tappan really been interested in my letter he wouldn't have given such explicit directions in an open letter to the students.

By "directing" us, Tappan suggests we ask our instructors for their copy of The Daily. The Daily is a bulletin published exclusively for the Staff. I must admit The Daily does have good information about coming events, but can you imagine The Daily rush? Just think if one quarter of the student population of 6,900—about 1,700, approached the Staff of 257 for their copy of The Daily—another shortage, right?

Even with information so near his grasp, Tappan insists further and at the expense of other students, that we ask our instructors to take valuable class time to read from The Daily.

Tappan further wrote "I rely on the TORCH to produce a lot of the work," which may be very true. However, I feel perhaps he should have produced the work and let the TORCH print the results.

Not wanting the burden to fall directly on the TORCH staff, Tappan "passes the buck" and suggests we listen to KLCC radio or watch KLCC cable TV.

Unfortunately most of us (students) must work our way through school and can't afford the luxury of cable installation and/or its cost. Anyway, who works in a position which allows the constant surveillance of either medium?

I don't want to sound as though all work and no play is the way of life for me. I do enjoy attending campus activities. However, searching the campus and prying for information of what is going on is not the way I want to spend my spare time. We must remember that on-campus activities

are the only social functions open to many students, especially those with families.

The bureaucratic system conditions us to live by schedules such lists of classes needed for degrees, scheduled times and locations of classes, projected expectations and course outlines, lists of sequential video tapes, bus arrivals and departures—to mention only a few.

Why not go all the way and give us a schedule of activities for the betterment of the social system on campus?

Stan Kohlmann

Dear Editor:

It is ironic that the one organization on campus (Women for Equality) ostensibly concerned with sexism should prove itself to be among the most sexist.

Consider:

1. Posters announcing meetings with "Women Welcome."
2. Meetings then held in the women's restroom.

The charter for this organization declares that any student is eligible for membership in WE. These tactics are such unbelievable sexism. It is incredible that this organization could countenance it.

An enlightened women's group would recognize that sexism affects males as well as females. For example, traditional job roles trap males into a career rat race and lock them out of the opportunity to raise their children and enjoy homemaking.

Women for Equality should be actively recruiting men for membership rather than exhibiting such paranoia. Anything coming out of an all-female organization is likely to be every bit as sexist as anything coming out of an all-male organization. You can't fight sexism with sexism.

Larry Abbott

To the Editor:

I am pleased to see the Concrete Statement being revived on campus. As a former editor, I know the problems of getting a literary-art magazine going. I wish the staff success with their venture and urge the college community to support the Concrete Statement.

Barry Hood
Former ASLCC President

Toadskin II to show experimental films

by Bumpo Gregory

"Toadskin II," a visual media event scheduled for Feb. 7 and 8, offers the public a chance to view a wide variety of 8 and 16 mm films, 35 mm slides, and video tapes. The films are offered by 35 to 40 individual media artists and groups from the West Coast.

The second annual "Toadskin" is designed to provide exposure and media exchange for people working with film and video tape on a low budget, non-professional, or experimental basis. This event is non-competitive but gives independent film-makers a chance to meet each other, preview their works, and pick up new techniques of their crafts.

According to Phil Perkins, spokesperson for the event, Film-makers Cinematheque, the sponsor of "Toadskin II," is an idea developed by Medium/Rare, a group of Eugene film and video tape makers.

Perkins noted that, "There is a

surprising amount of film and video being done here—and done well . . ." The artists include Tripp Mikich, Ton Cooke, Allison Rodman, John Nelson, Scott Fraser, and Steve Fine, all members of Medium/Rare, he said.

Films are usually done by individual artists, but video tapes are often made by groups involved in other activities. One such group is Community Focus, from Portland, which will have an entry showing some of its neighborhood work.

Why the name "Toadskin?" According to Perkins, it's just what the group agreed upon when they were "kicking it around."

Held at the WOW Hall, located on the corner of 8th and Lincoln, the program for "Toadskin II" will include films at 7 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 7, video tapes at 11 a.m., and a mixed media presentation at 7 p.m. Saturday. These will be three different shows but all are included in the single one dollar admission fee.

OSPIRG bids for status change

by Barbara Taylor

Horizons may be broadening for OSPIRG if it is granted a tax status change allowing it the right to lobby.

The Oregon Student Public Interest Research Group (OSPIRG) is asking for a tax status change from the Oregon State Board of Higher Education (OSBHE). The advantage of this change, according to Mark Evans, secretary of the U of O OSPIRG Board, will be increased educational benefits, more effective research, and better legislative decisions.

"OSPIRG deals directly with the OSBHE and is controlled under it," explained Evans. OSPIRG is presently required to retain a 501(c)(3) IRS tax status. This makes OSPIRG eligible to receive foundation grants, but unable to attempt to influence legislation. OSPIRG, according to sources, wants to form a parallel student organization with a 501(c)

(4) tax status. This would not restrict it from attempting to lobby. Research would continue to be the basic motive of the organization, OSPIRG says, but disseminating this research information among legislators would also be possible.

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Anyone who rides the bus to school may have experienced a share of inconveniences--overcrowding, breakdowns, or delays. Last week's TORCH carried a Letter to the Editor from one victim of a recent LTD experience.

You ask me . . . was I there?

Was I there that Monday, the now infamous 13th of January, when winter froze the ground, and icy air whistled by. And each and every one of those Lane students were waiting for their Harris Street bus?

Lane Transit District sprang from State "enabling legislature," laws providing guidelines for institutions which do not yet exist. The guidelines included the establishment of the concept of transit districts, how they would be established, and how they would be run.

In 1970, then-Governor Tom McCall accepted a joint petition from Eugene-Springfield for the new Lane Transit District (LTD), and appointed a local Board of Directors. It marked out the newborn system's original boundaries and those of the cities themselves.

A local tax ordinance was also passed in 1970, netting funds with which the Board bought the old Emerald Transportation Service (remember those little green

vans?), a private company with a city franchise (monopoly). For two years LTD used the old green buses. Replacing its green fleet of 20 in 1972, LTD spun its multi-colored web (each route has its own color) of 52 cool gray, signeted coaches, new and used, over the bi-city area. They then developed an advertising program and set up a Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC) to meet monthly, with LTD's Board of Directors and discuss any and all matters relating to transit operations.

I was there that dismal dawn. I was one who watched the bus come from 19th and Patterson [how could I have known then that it was the last place she'd be able to stop until . . . the end of the line?] I was one who watched, in mute despair, the laden seats and aisles.

Her driver shrugged her passengers looked out at me like soulful sardines, eyes seeming to say, "Be glad you're out there, and free . . ."

It passed me by.

I looked in vain for her follow-up, an empty bus, to help her in her trek. I walked up and down the empty road in search of another coach, a different route.

"What happens sometimes," says Laura King, of the LTD Planning Department, "is that everybody crowds onto the

L-COG takes you...next century

The future of Lane County's highways, transit system, and bikeways was projected as far ahead as the year 2000 at Thursday morning's meeting of the Lane Council of Governments (L-COG).

The meeting, in the large conference room at 135 East 6th Street, was between L-COG and its own Metropolitan Area Transportation Committee (MATC), and representatives from the Oregon State Highway Division and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). It dealt with five local bikeway projects and five alternative analyses of the relationship between totally-employed population, residential/business land use, and public/private modes of transportation.

L-COG a council of the Eugene, Springfield, and Lane County Governments, approved five local bikeway projects for application to the state's "One Percent Program," where the allocation (one percent) of state funds is made for bikeways. These projects include the EWEB Bikeway (Don St. to 31st St.), Ferry Street Bridge improvements, the South Bank Bikeway (Ferry St. Bridge to Autzen Bridge), Territorial Road (Veneta to Elmi- ra), and the I-105 Bikeway (Garden Way to Coburg Rd.).

The projects are ready for immediate implementation and will be submitted to the State Highway Division for consideration in its programming.

Five other projects still have obstacles blocking their implementation. They will be submitted to the state if and when the obstacles can be removed.

Bill Guenzler, L-COG Transportation Coordinator, said that local and state priorities sometimes differ and conflict. These have to be worked out.

The other major item on the agenda concerned MATC's research into problems of the existing means of transportation. This includes both public and private systems and the possible courses they might take in the future.

"1985 is hardly long--range any more," said a representative of the FHWA. Guenzler recommended "network tests" based on a 25-year conjecture. A network test is an analysis of the existing deficiencies and develops an experimental course of action to correct them.

Guenzler wanted all five analyses approved, with no commitment to any one course of action at this time. This met with some opposition.

Two proposed tests came under particular fire during the meeting:

One proposal provided for a twenty percent increase in transit use. Guenzler admitted it was a relatively radical increase, but felt it was important to provide for the extreme.

"When you look at the modal split [between private and transit travel] in

other countries, its not even that extreme," said Guenzler.

The other test which met with opposition was the "compact growth" plan, one which dealt with "transportation conservation."

"Looking to the year 2000," Guenzler said, "we should consider the relationship of land use to transportation. Could we create housing and job opportunities in the same areas so that people just wouldn't have to move around so much?"

"We don't even know what energy (source) we'll have then," quipped Hugh McKinley, Eugene city manager. "We may all be using those bikeways."

The representatives of the State Highway Division and the FHWA wanted long-range plans, as Guenzler had set up, but thought they should be more defined as systems rather than concepts. They charged that Guenzler was still hitting at concepts in his proposed tests. They urged him to be more specific in his requests, rather than just outlining existing deficiencies and analyzing their relationships.

He responded by naming the three main problems in the local area as being the river crossings, River Road, and Franklin Boulevard.

All five of the MATC's proposed analyses were approved, and will serve as the guidelines for future legislation concerning Lane County transportation.

LCC tak

The possibility of reduced student fees for the Lane Transit District (LTD) system, subsidized through the LCC parking fees, could be a real alternative to the present student transportation dilemma.

Sallie Torres, ASLCC president Michael Chudzik, director of the Resource Center (SRC), agree to pollution alerts, an impending crisis, and a general skepticism role of private automobiles have student leaders to seek alternative present practices.

Both say that cooperation is element if we are to establish transit system which students could low rates. Currently students can the LTD "Fast Pass" for \$10, a about 15 percent, through the SRC Chudzik hopes this price can be even more, hopefully prodding users into using the service.

Methods of lowering these rates between these two student ex-

Or...maybe

by Kathy Craft

Whether it's a fast, flashy moderate, middle-of-the-road thr or a funky, falling-apart coaster are, socially speaking, de rig Eugene.

Indeed, to new arrivals there seem to be more cycles than people. The fact that cycling is popular and socially-approved in Eugene is undoubtedly due to emphasis on ecology and outdoor according to its aficionados, represents a perfect blend of practicality.

Still, despite Eugene's status as bicycle capital of the world, the city was designed primarily to meet the needs of automobiles owners. But with the unveiling of Bikeways Master Plan last November detailed study outlining approximately miles of bike routes throughout the appears city planners are acknowledging the bicycle as a truly integral part of life.

Members of Mayor Les Anderson's Bicycle Committee predict approximately 80-90 percent of the \$5.8 million will be completed within five years, according to Mary N



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regular Haris Street bus to LCC and doesn't know about the trippers behind them, for their overload. So the bus is full before it's two blocks from the Mall, and can't pick up anyone else."

"Trippers" are spare buses put on lines of intense use to catch the regular car's surplus riders. They also run between the scheduled times for those who might have missed their bus. King says the riders' unawareness of the trippers has been partially reduced since the beginning of the term, as students have become familiar with the procedure.

"Trippers are just spare buses, and if we have a lot of breakdowns in a day then we may not have one behind a particular bus," King explained. She said the older buses tend to breakdown and cause the greatest delays: They are diesel buses--rebuilt models from the forties purchased from Los Angeles. When they do need repairs, parts are hard to get.

Off in the distance, resting at the foot of the hill of 30th Avenue, about to take off, is another bus. Oh, a hopeless distance to run.

But as I slowly approach hope got soaped, as, wonderwork of procedure, she stayed em-parked.

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idled away, flashing lights and smoking, seeming to say, "Come; I will wait. I see you. I am your Back-Up Bus, waiting to take you away. Have no care, I won't leave you."

Faster I galloped, then walked in assurance as I knew she would wait for me. Then I knew the truth. She was broken down. Thank God for thumbs.

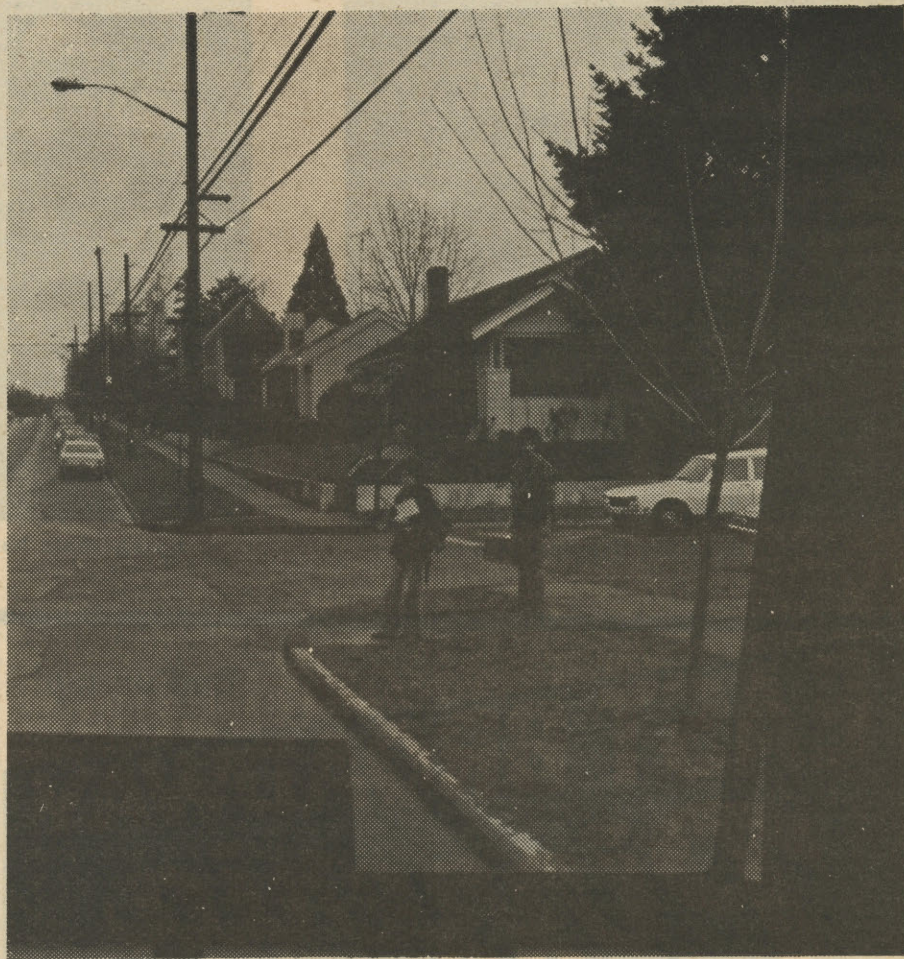
Stemming from seeds planted in the CAC meetings, LTD has decided to extend the boundaries of its service areas to include Central and Eastern Lane County. The new boundaries will go into effect in mid-March of this year. Eight new buses, of the suburban type, will be purchased for this growth.

"The Suburban Model is sort of a cross between the ones we have now and a Greyhound," informs Dave Rynerson, of the LTD Planning Department.

"They have more comfortable seats, with overhead luggage racks, and are generally built for longer runs. People will be using them for inter-city traveling."

Rynerson explained that Lane students will be reaping heartily of this bounty, as eight runs of the new Number Seven routes (a, b, and c) to Goshen, Lowell, and points east of LCC will be added to the four already running between 7:25 and 9:25 daily.

Look forward to some good trips.



kes you...

Torres eyes a program, modeled after an Orange County, California effort in which local business makes up the difference in decreased rates. Chudzik believes that parking assessments for private autos are the solution.

Car pools and "Fast Passes", currently LCC's only efforts to reduce the number of private cars driven, are both coordinated through Chudzik's office. He has a staff of seven part-time "dedicated members," but claims he is vastly understaffed "and must spend too much energy on the time-consuming office work of the SRC." Consequently, he says, little time is left for investigative work into new programs.

This spring, Chudzik hopes to investigate other US college efforts in this field, and hopes that by fall the best program might be implemented.

The Student Resource Center needs volunteers, according to Chudzik. He asks that interested students see him at the SRC located outside the east entrance of the Main Concourse, second floor, Center Building.

e take yourself

committee member, will be accomplished with city revenue as well as with funds from the "One Percent Program" in which one percent of state highway funds is allocated to establish bikeways throughout Oregon. Additional state and federal monies are also expected.

The plan, which was drafted by the San Francisco-based engineering firm of De Leuw and Cather, designates three different kinds of bike routes: **Class I**--separate trails for joint use by bicyclists and pedestrians; **Class II**--routes adjacent to streets but physically separated from them, similar to sidewalks--also for joint cyclist and pedestrian use; and **Class III**--routes sharing streets with motor vehicles separated into designated lanes.

Under the plan, the city was divided into five separate areas for planning routes: Bethel-River Road, Northeast Eugene, Southwest Eugene, downtown including campus areas, and South Eugene. Routes will run to city boundaries at which point they will "hopefully be picked up by the county and continued as necessary," according to McCluskey.

Thirty-eight miles of the proposed bike routes are designated as "high priority" by the planners. These routes,

which will be constructed first, were determined according to "general need," with special attention being placed on areas "where accidents are more heavily concentrated," McCluskey explained.

Included under high priority needs are upgrading of the Beltline and Ferry Street Bridges for bicyclists' use and a new bike-pedestrian bridge to cross the Willamette River near Valley River Center. Cost of the high priority package is estimated at \$2.6 million.

In addition to outlining the network of routes, the Masterplan also analyzes cyclists' perceptions, ridership characteristics, bicycle accidents, education and enforcement in Eugene. Some of their findings and suggestions include the following:

Cyclists' Perceptions: Cyclists overwhelmingly agreed that streets with bike lanes are far safer than those without them. Lane widths of between five and six feet are considered satisfactory.

Ridership Characteristics: Cycling is most popular from May to October, apparently because of favorable weather conditions. Those who ride their bicycles to school or college seem most likely to ignore rain and cold; those riding either to work or for recreational purposes are much less likely to continue during periods of adverse weather conditions.

Bicycle Accidents: Compared with figures of 1970, there is a trend toward more accidents involving young adult riders and less involving children under 13. Most accidents occur between 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Responsibility is fairly evenly divided between cyclist error (51 percent) and motorist error (40 percent).

Education: Problems of both cyclists and motorists which demand attention are: intersection conflicts and accidents, failure to yield right-of-way, improper turning and running stop signs and traffic signals, all on the part of both cyclists and motorists.

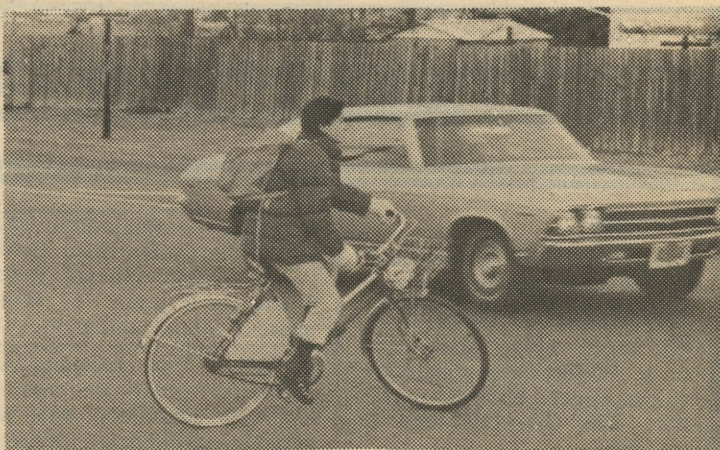
Enforcement: The plan recommends that a bicycle court be established for riders under 18, with judges selected from local high school students. It would not be a court of record.

Also recommended is the establishment of a police bicycle patrol. Officers would patrol bike routes on bicycles or small motor-powered cycles.

The Masterplan has been reviewed by the City Planning Commission, and public hearings to discuss it are scheduled for tonight (Tuesday, Feb. 4) at 7:30 p.m. at the City Council Chambers.



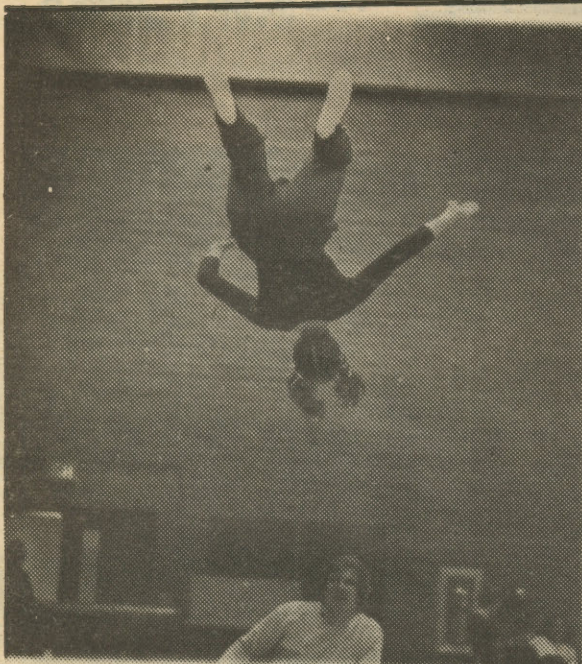
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Veterans Briefs

Disability benefits upped

by Fred Jones

Veterans who have a service-connected disability of 10 to 20 percent are now eligible for the Federal Vocation Rehabilitation, according to the Veterans' Office.

Jim Rennick, student services specialist at the LCC VA Office, said that this new program will pay for full tuition, a monthly income for disability, school supplies, books, and quarterly counseling services.

The Federal Veterans Education and Rehabilitation Amendments have been increased, raising a single disabled veteran's income from \$170 to \$201 per month.

Rennick also said "The disabled veteran must have a handicap that prevents him from getting and holding a job."

Wayne Gripp, VA Representative at LCC, that a veteran applying for a disability would be requested to go to Portland for a physical examination. He also mentioned that results from the physical would be examined by the VA Board composed of a doctor, a lawyer, and an occupational specialist. They will determine the veteran's disability rating.

Students wanting information about the disability application should see Rennick or Gripp at the Veterans' Office, 221 Center Building.

Hardship loans available

Veterans and dependents attending LCC may be eligible for money.

According to Wayne Gripp, VA representative at LCC, the students must be attending school on at least a half-time basis, must be pursuing a standard college degree, and must have been denied loans by two lenders to qualify.

The VA Educational Loan would give students up to \$600 per academic quarter at 8 percent interest.

For further information, contact Carol Jones at the Financial Aids Office on the second floor of the Center Building.

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Announcements

IF you drive a car and are interested in forming a car pool, contact the SRC, 2nd floor Center Building.

THE Baha'i Fellowship meets each Wednesday at 12 noon in Health 109. Everyone invited to attend.

THERE will be an orientation meeting of the Future Secretaries Association this Thursday, Feb. 6, at Pietro's Gold Coast Pizza Parlor. Cost will be \$2. All members and interested persons be at Pietro's at 5:30 for a pizza party.

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WOMEN for Equality meeting Wednesday, Feb. 5, at 4 p.m. 113 Center. All women welcome.

The Young Socialist Alliance is in its organizational stage here on campus. For more information, contact Michael Trevino at Ext. 230 or Ext. 221.

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Why they win

by Kelly Fenley

As the first half of the OCCAA came to an end about a week ago, LCC had five players who averaged over 10 points a game. Robbie Smith led the group, averaging a strong 18 points per game. Greg MacKay, Bob Woods, and Doug Ainge averaged 13 points per match and Rick Weidig put in about 11 each game. Together they were the third strongest offensive team in the league, averaging 82 points a game. Their defense was even more impressive, containing opponents to a 66 point-per-game average, and emerged as the top defensive team in the conference.

Smith and MacKay wound up the OCCAA first round as the Titans top scorers, and are a couple of good reasons why the team wins.

Robbie Smith started playing basketball in the fifth grade and has done fairly remarkable things since. In his last three years of play for Pleasant High School, he was chosen Most Valuable Player every year. He was also All-Conference every



Robbie Smith and Greg MacKay

one of those last three years and, finally, was chosen All State his senior year.

But in a sense, Smith left Pleasant Hill as a football player—at least to the college recruiters. At 6'5", Smith was an outstanding tight-end, and a number of colleges, including Oregon, tried to sign him. Smith decided to keep playing basketball, however, and chose Lane. As a freshman last year, he was named second team All-Conference of the OCCAA. This year, as a sophomore, he is captain of the team, leading scorer, and is fourth in the OCCAA in rebounding and scoring.

It took awhile for Greg MacKay to start playing ball well enough to average 13 points a game this year. But once he began, he didn't quit. "I just needed to start playing defense," said the 6'2" freshman. "I needed to be more physical, and I had to get used to them being bigger in college than in high school. When my defense improved, I started playing."

MacKay shot a smidgen better than .500 percent from the field in OCCAA action, and tallied all but a few of his 129 points in the last eight games of the first round of OCCAA play. But although he finished the round as second leading scorer, he's quick to add that "I may be the second leading scorer, but two guys (Ainge and Woods) are right there with me."

MacKay was chosen to the first team in his conference for an All-Metro honor in his senior year while playing for Central Catholic High School. He hopes to play basketball as much as possible from now on, and "hopefully," he says, will be back at LCC next year.

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Titans run for regionals

You had to hold your breath Sunday morning while fumbling through the Sports section of the Eugene Register-Guard. If the Titans had won—if they had beaten second place Blue Mountain on the road—they were to be an almost unstoppable cinch for the regionals. If they had lost, and dropped to 10-1, they'd still be leading the Oregon Community College Athletic Association basketball race, but with a lot more caution. But it was all there on page 4B, under those wonderful words that said they had won. They were 11-0. Regionals, here we come.

This was perhaps the biggest weekend of all for LCC, starting with a 70-59 rout over Chemeketa at Salem Friday night and then claiming the big one over Blue Mountain, 62-52, at Pendleton Saturday. The Titans are now in a commanding four game lead over Blue Mountain, Linn-Benton, and Umpqua Community Colleges who are all second place and 7-4 in the OCCAA.

"Everybody is shooting for us," said Coach Dale Bates to reporters for the Eugene Register-Guard. This seems to be

a fact that will make even last place teams play better than usual. And 8th place Chemeketa did just that Friday.

The Salem team matched Lane in rebounds, 47 to 47, and played defense well enough to hold the Titans down to a seven-point lead at the half, 34-27. But when the second half started, Rick Weidig and Doug Ainge came alive. Together they accounted for 21 of Lane's 36 second-half points. Weidig also led the team in rebounds, pulling down 11 for the night. Robbie Smith was the leading scorer with 20 points. Weidig and Ainge ended up with 15 each, and Greg MacKay added 14 to round off the scoring. The Titans shot 42 percent from the field and held Chemeketa to 34 percent.

When the Titans pulled in to Pendleton Saturday, second placed Blue Mountain was waiting for them, too, to say the least. It was critical for the Timberwolves to take the Titans if they were to entertain any thoughts at all of being OCCAA champions this year, and they gave it their best. Bates told the Register-Guard

shortly after the game that "When we took the floor tonight, it was evident they had done their homework. They were ready for us."

Sustaining a stout zone defense, Blue Mountain gave Lane plenty of trouble and the first period ended with Lane holding on to a 28-23 lead. But once again, when the second half started, Lane jelled. The Titans ran up a 13 point lead in the second period and hit 14 for 26 from the field. Robbie Smith led the Titans again in scoring, and, despite a hint of flu, grabbed 17 rebounds. Lane's defense, which is the best in the OCCAA, stifled the Timberwolves' shooting to 30 percent from the field. Doug Ainge had 7 rebounds and, along with Mike Reinhart who hit 6 for 11, scored 12 points. MacKay added 10, Weidig 8, and Davy Ohmer tabbed 6.

With seven conference games left in the regular season, the Titans are just about untouchable as Number 1. They would have to lose half of their remaining games to be in any real danger. If they do win the OCCAA this year, then they will automatically advance to the regionals in Idaho this March to represent Oregon's Junior Colleges.

The next home game for the Titans is Saturday, Feb. 8 at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free with student body card.

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