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'Love Carefully'

"Love Carefully" is the motto for the month from Planned Parenthood. VD is now the number one epidemic disease in Oregon. It is second in incidence only to the common cold.

The VD Task Force of Oregon reports that in 1973 there were more than 11,000 cases of VD reported, while in 1955 less than 1,100 cases were reported. "In part, this increase may be attributed to improvement in the procedures of reporting communicable diseases," says the Task Force. None the less, the Oregon State Health Division estimates that for each reported case some five cases go unreported."

Venereal Disease is the generic term used to represent a number of diseases transmitted by intimate bodily contact. These diseases can be caught by anyone who engages in any amount or form of sexual activity.

Gonorrhea is the most common of the venereal diseases, and is the most prevalent bacterial infection of adults in the US today. Its effects usually remain localized in the genital organs. Symptoms may or may not occur; in fact in over 50 percent of the cases there are no symptoms at all. If untreated, it can cause sterility. The only way to know if you have it or not is to have a test.

Syphilis is the most serious of the venereal diseases, and is also on the increase but at a slower rate. Syphilis does not remain localized, but affects the entire central nervous system. The first sign of infection in either men or women is a small sore called a chancre. These may appear in the genital area, in the mouth, on the lips, or on the rectum, but these chancres may not always be noticed since they are small and generally painless. Other symptoms may occur, but will eventually disappear, while the disease if untreated will do permanent bodily damage.

Celibacy is the only sure prevention of VD. Use of condoms will provide up to 95 percent effective protection. The most important thing in preventing the spread of VD if you are at all sexually active is to get periodic testing. The LCC Health Services gives blood tests for syphilis, and gives lab smears and cultures for gonorrhea. If tests are positive, treatment consists of penicillin or other drugs. Help keep you and your loved ones healthy by going in for checks as a matter of course.

Restrooms may get condom machines

There is a proposal now pending from the LCC Clinic Advisory Committee to install condom vending machines in some campus restrooms.

The proposal has two stated purposes: To reduce incidents both of venereal disease, and of unplanned pregnancies among the LCC student population.

Condoms are one of the oldest and most effective methods of protection against VD. Without their use, a male has a 50 percent chance of getting VD from sexual contact with an infected female, and a female has a 99 percent chance of acquiring VD from an infected male.

Prophylactics have also long been recognized as effective contraceptives. The need for available birth control is reflected in Oregon's high abortion rate, which exists in spite of the broad efforts to disseminate birth control information and services.

No funding from the college would be required to operate the vending machines. An outside company would install and maintain them.

The Advisory Committee has sent the proposal to the Oregon State Health Division, Lane County Comprehensive

Health Planning, Lane County Health Department, Lane County Medical Society, and two individual medical practitioners in Eugene. All strongly support the proposal, and suggest that health education relative to the use of condoms in preventing VD be strongly undertaken.

The proposal and supporting letters were circulated to 21 Department Chairers on campus asking that they share this proposal with their staffs. Feedback received from them so far has been one negative, one neutral, and twelve supporting the proposal.

The proposal with supporting documentation has been forwarded to Dean of Students Jack Carter for action.

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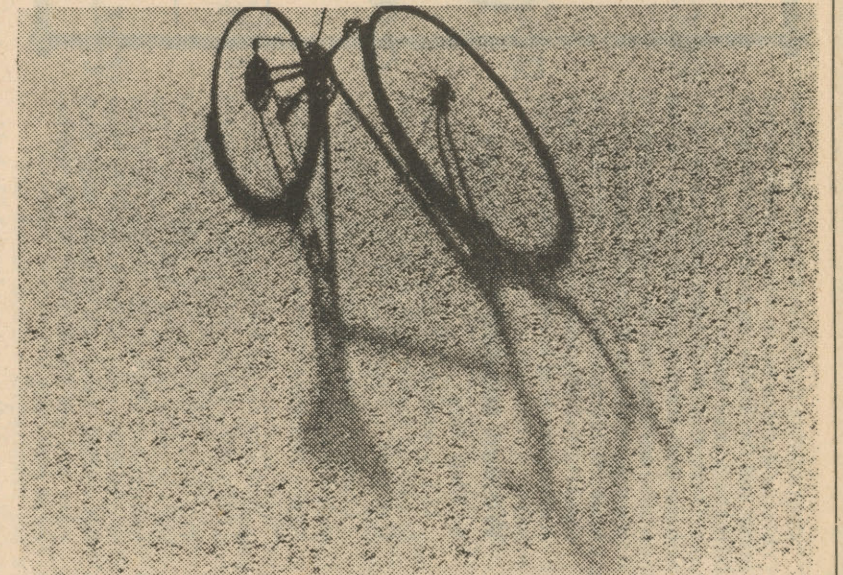


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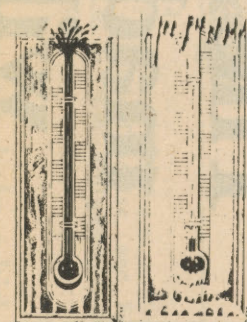
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One department feels budget pinch

by Christine Rofer

The crunch of budget cuts has hit the Interdisciplinary Studies Department harder than most other departments on campus—primarily because the department is staffed by part-time faculty.

Bill Powell, chairman of the department, says his budget was cut 7.3 percent, while other cuts on campus averaged 1.2 to 1.4 percent. Even before the budget was cut, he was the only full-time member of the department.

Powell indicated that college employment policy for part-time faculty is working a hardship on his department. Part-time faculty members are paid proportionately less per course taught, and receive fewer benefits than full-time faculty. He said that no chicano studies were offered Fall Quarter because he was not able to find an instructor who could accept the position.

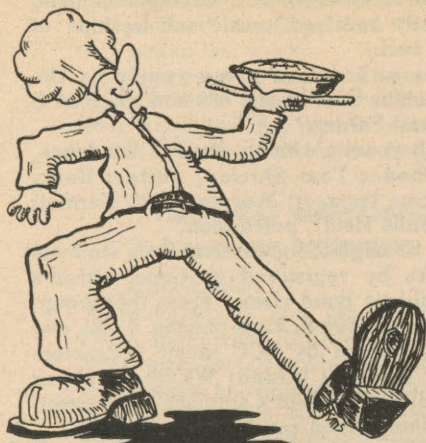
Jeanette Silveira, a women's studies instructor who resigned Jan. 10, cited this pay differential as her reason for leaving.

As Silveira indicated when she submitted her resignation, instructors must take on more than the responsibility of teaching their classes. Counseling of students and other department activities require time and energy outside of class, which are not compensated in the case of part-time faculty.

In an attempt to stretch his budget for instruction, Powell says he arranged to cut the department secretary from full-time to half-time. He informed Joyce Hops, associate dean of instruction, of his intention to use that money for instruction. The money was later cut from his budget entirely.

Hops said that the reason for this was that the college found itself in serious financial trouble, and checked each department for any funds that had not been committed last fall. Since this money fell into that category, it was cut from Powell's budget.

Hops agreed that "It's very unfair." Powell, however, is keeping this department going. Increased enrollment has demanded a second section of his course in Patterns of Racial Behavior, and women's and chicano courses are continuing.



Student senator ambushed! Hit-man escapes

The U. of Minnesota convened to consider a motion to impeach its president. Suddenly, a darkly clad stranger dashed across the room and shoved a cream pie squarely in the face of the student senator who had introduced the impeachment motion. In the confusion, the pie thrower escaped, but everyone present knew they had witnessed a pro in action. Obviously, someone had put out a contract on the student senator; the stranger was a hit man sent by a new twin cities organization known as Pie-Kill, Ltd.

For the risky mission, the Pie-Kill operative was most likely paid the standard \$35 the firm charges for a routine pie hit. A "seltzer water blitz" would have been only \$25, a combination of the two, \$50. For those fees, the firm advertises, they will cream the face of anyone, "a professor, advisor, T.A.," and the client may name the time and place.

A reporter was able to obtain a secret telephone number (from the want-ad pages of the "Minnesota Daily") and make contact with the firm. The voice on the other end sounded calm, but very likely was disguised through sophisticated electronic devices, as it told us the Student Assembly hit was the fourth for the firm, which copied the idea from a New York group that started several months ago.

Kesey sets SHOP talk

by Mike McLain

Ken Kesey, author of "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" and "Sometimes a Great Notion," will speak at LCC in the Performing Arts Building, Saturday, March 1, at 7:30 p.m.

The engagement is being sponsored by Self Help Oriented People (SHOP), and admission is \$1. The money raised from the event will go to people in prison to help them with their problems.

Kesey, who makes his home outside of Springfield, will speak about the various institutions that deal with people in our society, such as mental and penal institutions, according to Stan Hanjack.

As well as writing several books, Kesey is the former head of the "Merry Pranksters," a group that roamed the West Coast during Haight-Ashbury's brighter days, staging "happenings" which are the subject of Tom Wolfe's "The Electric Koolaid Acid Test." Kesey grew up in the Eugene/Springfield area and attended Oregon State University.

Tickets for the engagement are available at the SHOP office off the LCC cafeteria, at the Administration Office, and at the door. Hanjack says they hope to sell out the Performing Arts seating and if they need more space, they will move to the Gymnasium.

More vacancies

by Mike McLain

The Institutional Bill of Rights Review Committee, the group charged with recommending changes in present student rights and grievance procedures, is in trouble.

Like many other organizations involved with student affairs the group is having problems getting people to participate.

Peter Hale, the Committee's former chairman resigned recently, explaining that since this is his final term, he must devote more time to outside activities.

Bob Swanson, who is also a student Senate member, also resigned and Dorothy Kellogg, who was the faculty representative, is no longer with the group.

Set up to operate with six members, one administrator, one faculty member, one classified staff member, and three students, the committee is down to three people.

This leaves three positions open and, according to Jon Brenard, in order for the committee to be truly representative the positions must be filled. Anyone interested in joining the committee in one of the two open student positions should contact Sallie Torres in the Student Government area.



photo by Peter Reiter

Paper-saving recommendations studied

by Julie Overton

The Paper Conservation Committee made its interim report last week with recommendations and ideas on how less paper can be used and hopefully more money saved.

The cost of a ream of 20# white Multilith bond paper has increased from 79 cents to \$1.76 in the past year. It is the committee's goal to reduce the expenditure for paper without undue hardship.

An obvious way is to use both sides of the paper.

Other recommendations that the committee made are:

Terminating the practice of using individual pay envelopes.

Reducing the number of agencies and people who receive minutes and agendas of Board of Education meetings.

Eliminating the covers and plastic combs on all Board of Education books.

At one time LCC sent to superintendents of local school districts and their staffs the LCC minutes, agenda and analysis sheets. According to Marie Reid, the secretary to the Board of Education, it totaled 44 full books. Now only 30 books are distributed. The number of copies of agenda have been lowered from 200 to 115, the 150 copies of minutes that were once circulated has now been cut down to 80, and the 65 copies of the "Blue Analysis" sheet has been limited to 40.

Assistant to the President Burt Dotson says "everything that's possible we run

back to back." This saves considerable paper for the Board mailing, and although monetary figures are not as yet compiled, Dotson said that the savings "should be substantial."

Staples are being used now more than the expensive plastic "combs," and covers have been eliminated.

He added that "percentage-wise, we're probably using 25 to 30 percent less paper right now for the Board mailings."

Giving a view of paper conservation for the rest of the campus, Don Johnson, chairer of the committee, made some general recommendations:

Using the "Daily" (the staff newsletter) more extensively by administration and staff alike to pass on information.

Running a series of paper-saving ideas in the "Daily."

Printing the final exam schedule in the schedule of classes instead of waiting and printing it up later on other paper.

Encouraging photo typesetting to be used more extensively in printed materials.

Johnson says that "personally I feel that the major decision that has to be made is whether or not something should or should not be printed."

He feels that "the printed word is important" but that if there were a cut back on printing and if both money saving and space saving ideas were incorporated, perhaps there would not be such a need for paper conservation.

Sex class 'free wheeling'

by Crunch McAlister

Sexual behavior is sometimes a subject too controversial for realistic study.

A class here at Lane, however, deals with the matter in an open and factual way--Human Sexuality, taught by Fran Thomas and Patrick Fraleigh.

"We are attempting to give students a broad base of knowledge upon which to base their own sexual attitudes and morality," Thomas stated in a recent interview.

Students in the class investigate both the "physiological and psychological basis for the expression of human sexuality and also the socio-cultural influences that act upon that expression," she explained.

"People come in with different levels of knowledge," said Thomas. Sometimes the levels are based on "old wives tales" or "gutter talk" and sometimes upon norms developed in the "Victorian era," she added. "We try to dispell these misconceptions."

"We try to be 'free wheeling' in class in an effort to totally satisfy questions that arise and even more so, to make the students more comfortable in asking those questions," continued Thomas.

Some of the discussion topics include the role of sexuality in our society today and why it is there; homosexuality; aging problems such as menopause; orgasms; sexual disfunctions; contraception; sex-ploitation in the media; and sexual variations.

She suggests that the course was designed to help mature the sexual relationships of men and women. "This could open up a whole new avenue in communication between and within the sexes," she explained.

"We try not to set any defined lines on subject matter," Thomas stipulated, then commented further: "This is because of the highly idiosyncratic nature of human sexuality."

Conversation heated as Committee considers funding

by Greg Wasson

Salem (EMS)--Last Thursday afternoon, the heat in Room 118B of the Capitol Building had more sources than the radiator and sunshine that filtered through the windows now and then.

Heated verbal exchanges and flaring tempers were part of Ways and Means Subcommittee Number Five's Thursday discussion of state support for community colleges.

Some members of the committee feel that the concept of the local colleges is that they should meet the whims and needs of the areas they serve. These members question the right of the state to interfere in the planning and operation of college programs.

"Once you start limiting the community college from its present mode of operation, then you might lessen their support from the communities they serve," warns Sen. Bill McCoy, D-Portland.

Rep. Harvey Akeson, D-Portland, joins McCoy and adds, "I guess I'm one of those who thinks we've made a commitment to people at the local level to provide state funds and let them run the colleges to meet the wants and needs of the local area."

Other members of the committee expressed dismay over the fact that while the state is providing more than 50 percent of the operating budgets of some community colleges, it has very little control over the programs and sometimes doesn't know what the programs are.

Rep. Vera Katz, D-Portland, called it a "sad state of affairs" that the State Board of Higher Education does not know the costs of providing different services to individuals, and that the Board is some-

times not aware of all the services being provided at the colleges.

During the course of the meeting, Katz, who chairs the subcommittee, got the committee's approval to call for the drafting of legislation that would standardize the forms and systems used by community colleges to report to the state legislature and other state-wide agencies.

The move is viewed by some as an attempt by the state to get some idea of the programs being offered in order, and to coordinate the efforts of all the state's community colleges.

However, the money must be allocated first, before arguments are heard about the separate college needs. All week, the committee has been wrestling with the different enrollment figures presented to it, trying to figure out on which figures to base the 1975-1977 allocation.

The Governor's budget, based on fall 1974 enrollment figures, predicts a total Full Time Equivalency (FTE) enrollment state-wide of 91,753 during the biennium. At proposed levels of state compensation to community colleges, the prediction results in a dollar request of \$68,927,790.

The Education Coordinating Council (ECC) on the other hand has predicted, using winter 1975 enrollment figures, an FTE of 92,948 which has prompted it to request \$69,753,585 for the next two years.

The roughly \$800,000 difference between the two figures was one cause of the friction Thursday.

The committee finally accepted the Governor's recommendation of roughly \$69 million. The figure represents a 47 percent increase over the appropriation made last biennium.

Instructors ask for grant money to fight illiteracy

by Mike Heffley

The TORCH ran a story recently on "functional illiteracy" on the college level. Ted Romoser, instructor in the Language Arts Department, has applied for grant funds to tackle the problem where it hurts--right in the classroom.

"What we're trying to do," says Romoser, who has submitted the grant proposal in conjunction with the Social Sciences and the Study Skills Departments, "is equip ourselves to help the student with any basic reading problems he may have in the classroom itself--along with his course of study--rather than making an extra burden for him outside of class."

Romoser's proposal is in response to a "growing awareness that college students were having trouble reading the textbooks, articles, and printed materials that the teachers were handing out."

Tests run around the country, and problems with functional illiteracy in other schools and on other levels, have shown that LCC is not alone in this plight.

"Official government statistics say that only 2 percent of the American public is illiterate. The standard textbook level for literacy is about a fourth grade reading ability," Romoser cites the results of a test which used basic official documents--driver's license tests, income tax forms, "things people have to deal with in our bureaucratic society"--for comprehensive reading. A quarter of the people tested could not understand them.

A similar experiment was tried at LCC. "The Social Science Department did a kind of informal survey on their own two or three years ago. Then, under Jim Ellison, a kind of needs-assessment program of the whole college began to be a topic of conversation.

"Jim," Romoser continued, "is the

head of the Study Skills Department, which is skilled in this sort of thing, and they got a fairly organized testing done. They ran selective samples of college-level reading materials over a cross section of 1,500 students in their classes."

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The findings of these showed that nearly a third of the students at LCC read at least, and sometimes "much more than," a year below the level of the textbooks used.

The source of the grant funds is State Senate Bill #144, for Improvement of Undergraduate Instruction. The proposal Romoser and colleagues have drafted asks for \$68,000 to implement the following:

One term of workshops and clinics given by the Study Skills Department to the language arts and social sciences instructors on basic symptoms and manifestations of reading, note-taking, listening, or com-

prehensive problems, and how to cope with them. The costs here would mainly be substitute teachers to fill in for the instructors' workshop times.

One term for each instructor to redesign his course, incorporating his newly acquired techniques into his course syllabus.

A final term to put the altered course into action. The proposal asks for a part-time study skills instructor throughout all three terms to be employed as an adviser.

Whether or not the proposal is approved will be known next week or early in March. Romoser recounts that of all the undergraduate schools in the state, LCC has applied for and received the most money--around a quarter of a million dollars--from the senate bill's reserves. Many have also been turned down, and are being reworked for re-submission.

"Hundreds of hours have gone into the writing of grant proposals. I think Lane gets so many because the problems its dealing with are real, and the instructors who write them are carefully articulate.

"Without trying to pat ourselves on the back too much, I think that says something for Lane. The staff here is highly skilled and committed to serving the student where he or she is, and meeting immediate as well as long run needs. It's good to have a high, uncompromising academic standard, but it's best if you can go out where people are and bring them to it, rather than saying, 'here it is: you cut it, or we'll cut you'."

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Extensive student art display this week

by Barbara Matt

A massive exhibit of Lane Community College student artwork began Monday (Feb. 24) in the Main Gallery.

The all-student art show is an annual event of the LCC Art Department.

About fifty students are displaying their work. The exhibit includes sculptures, paintings, drawings, prints, jewelry, ceramics and photography.

Most of the works are for sale. Each piece will be tagged with the artists name and how to contact him or her.

This show is considered an "open show" and none of the works will be judged. Each student is allowed two entries. But Harold Hoy, gallery director, said that the department is planning a judged art show Spring Term. Information about the Spring show will be available at a later date.

The student show will continue until

March 14.

Gallery hours are from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The gallery is closed on weekends.

Buy a cup, help a kid

The fifth annual Oregon Easter Seal "Buck-A-Cup, Brace-A-Child" [B-A-C] Coffee Day, scheduled for Friday, March 7, is now being organized in this area, according to Wilson Muhlheim, Lane County Campaign Coordinator.

Restaurants are being contacted and asked to participate in this fund-raising event, which helps support the many Easter Seal programs for physically handicapped children and adults throughout the state.

On Monday, Feb. 24, participating restaurants will begin selling small B-A-C Buttons to their customers for \$1 donations. Button sales will continue for two

weeks, and then on Friday, March 7--Coffee Day 1975--button-wearers will receive free coffee at any B-A-C Restaurant.

Proceeds from the button sales, Muhlheim said, will aid in financing such projects as Children's Hospital School in Eugene, Camp Easter Seal on the Oregon Coast, and a statewide equipment loan pool.

Students interested in participating, or desiring more information, should contact the Hospital School, 3575 Donald Street, or phone 344-2247.

Musicians awarded union-sponsored scholarships

by Lisa Farqu 

Five members of LCC's Symphonic Band recently received music scholarships of \$100 each.

The awards are given yearly by the Musicians Union Local 689 and the U of O Cultural Forum.

This year's winners are Pat Vandehey, trombone; Tom Shirley, guitar; Barry Barreau, trumpet; Warren Hunt, clarinet; and Julie Hooft, percussion.


To be eligible for these awards students had to be registered in Gene Aitken's Symphonic Band class. From this group, eleven competed, each playing a solo and being judged by LCC music instructors Gary Ruppert [piano] Wayne Kirchner [vocal] and Nathan Cammack [orchestra]. The competition concluded on Feb. 5.

Aitken said the money would pay for further study in music, including private lessons and especially for tuition.

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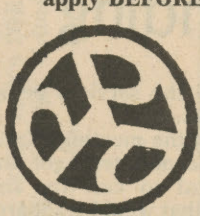


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Food co-operative finds cooperation lacking

by Crunch McAlister

A local food cooperative had cooperation problems.

The Willamette People's Food Co-op (WPFC) at 1391 E. 22nd Street is initiating a program on a three-month trial basis in an attempt to balance out existing "in-equities within the present system," a recent WPFC communiqué stated.

Gary Wallace, a WPFC manager said in the past "Co-op members have shared non-transferable discount privileges with non-members. He said this is a misuse of co-op facilities" since everyone using the co-op was getting the 10 percent co-op discount.

A recent WPFC information sheet stated that "people still shop here (at the WPFC) with Safeway attitudes—spilling food they don't pay for, not contributing for munchies, rushing in and out expecting service . . ."

But now the plan will be different. Instead of the general 10 percent discount for all co-op members given in the past, "energy coupons will be issued to those who actually work."

Wallace gave the example of a person working a two-hour clean-up shift receiving two dollars in energy coupons. "The member can use the coupons himself or trade them with others at his own discretion," explained the WPFC manager.

"Everyone will have the chance of

exchanging labor for goods," he added.

Wallace stated that the co-op was "originally organized in January, 1970 to serve people who were dissatisfied with high food prices and who were tired of having their money go to large corporate business."

Wallace says the general public is always welcome to shop at the co-op but, stipulated that "only those people with sincere community-oriented attitudes are asked to sign up for work and membership."

The WOFC offers a diversified se-

lection of food such as dairy products, fresh produce, grains, syrups, nuts and seeds, herb teas and pastries. All items are coded to indicate whether they are organically or non-organically produced.

"We are working for future expansion in the areas of drying and processing our own fruits and vegetables, collective marketing with other local co-ops, and nutritional education for the community," speculated Wallace. He added "I hope this new system helps us get there."

The co-op is open from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

Emission technology sufficient

CPS--The National Research Council has issued a report showing that existing technology would be sufficient to meet 1977 federal automotive emissions standards on time.

Prepared for the US Environmental Protection Agency, the report evaluated the technical feasibility, cost and fuel consumption involved in meeting the 1977 standards.

If President Ford's new energy policies are enacted, however, the standards would be relaxed in the interest of fuel economy, even though the technology to improve auto emissions already exists.

Habitat stressed for 38th National Wildlife Week

"We Care About Wildlife Habitat" will be the theme for the 38th annual National Wildlife Week.

More than seven million students, teachers, and members of state and local organizations will participate in the nationwide, week-long observation from March 16 to 22, 1975, according to Thomas L. Kimball, executive vice president of the National Wildlife Federation. The Federation has 3.5 million members and sponsors the observance with its state affiliates each year.

"This year's theme focuses on the vital relationship between wildlife and its habitat," said Kimball. "All of us who are concerned about the future of wildlife in

this country must spread the word that protection of habitat is the key to healthy, abundant wildlife populations. Many wildlife habitats are now trampled by the march of unplanned growth and development."

Habitat, Kimball explained, is not just the place where an animal lives. "It includes all the things an animal needs to continue living," he said. "The four basic requirements of habitat are food, water, cover for protection, and a place to raise young."

The 1975 National Wildlife Week poster will show a healthy blacktail deer standing in an ideal wooded setting, symbolizing the fact that wildlife cannot

live without adequate habitat. On the reverse side of the poster is art work and information describing different kinds of habitat including wetlands, forests, open fields, fencerows, and wilderness areas. There are suggestions for what the individual can do to create wildlife habitat in his back yard.

athletic funds same for men, women

How are athletic programs funded at LCC? Are there differences in the way funds are distributed to the men's and women's programs? Are there changes being made in any of the programs due to the current tight money situation?

These were some of the questions discussed during a recent interview with LCC Athletic Director Bob Radcliff.

According to Radcliff, there are no athletic scholarships available to students. Sports are funded by the Special Programs and Activities Fund (SPAF) which derives its money from the \$5 student body fee paid by all LCC students.

Each year, an athletic budget request—showing the cost per individual program

(i.e. track, tennis, etc.)—is drawn up and presented to the LCC Board of Education. This request shows the past year's allotment of money for each sport and the amount the Athletic Department is requesting for the present year.

Radcliff says there is "absolutely no difference in the amount of money spent on the men and women." But a look at the budget would seem to indicate differences, as the budgets show women's programs, in most cases, are allotted less money.

Radcliff explains this saying "Men and women are insured exactly the same, and there is no difference in the amount of money spent on meals, travel and lodging."

However, in many cases, according to Radcliff, men have higher costs due to increased participation. "Take cross country track: Women have maybe 14 or 15 participants while men have probably 55 participants." Other athletic programs show the same differences and Radcliff says LCC is very fair to women—just as fair as they are to male athletes.

One way LCC is holding down costs during the current tight money situation is by cutting travel.

"We play teams close to home," said

Radcliff. Pointing to the men's basketball schedule, he indicated that out of eight ball games played, only one was away and that was at Portland.

"We just can't afford to travel," he said, noting that LCC is becoming quite proficient as hosts. "We hosted the Men's Regional Track Meet last year and are scheduled to host it again this year," according to Radcliff. He says the school enjoys its role as host and it saves money in the process.

Radcliff, who has been with LCC six years (five of those years as the athletic director) received both his bachelor's and master's degrees from the U of O and has 20 years experience in coaching and teaching.

He feels the present athletic programs are good but would like to see scholarships made available to "draw more talented young athletes to LCC" and adds "We can always use more money."

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Biking the birthday highway

by Kathy Craft



At the 1876 US Centennial Celebration the bicycle was properly introduced to America. Obviously, the "odd contraption," as it was termed by some at the time, was greeted by a nation travelling at an incredibly slower pace than that of today. Still, it was a country eagerly anticipating the future, as it watched robber barons amass millions, railroads race from coast to coast, and cities mushroom virtually overnight. It was the beginning of a gilded age during which America would golden-dream-its-way to the pinnacle of riches and power.

'the odd contraption'

It is a dream with which many Americans today are definitely disenchanted, and some consider an outright nightmare. In light of this, the role the bicycle will play in the 1976 Bicentennial Celebration is really rather interesting, as it will be used, via an organization known as **Bike Centennial '76**, to lead people into the past, into the calmer, less hectic time--the time from which America celebrating its 100th birthday was so anxiously attempting to escape. "We want to establish a transcontinental bicycle trail which people can travel to rediscover rural America," explains Mary McClusky, co-coordinator of the Lane County **Bike Centennial '76** effort, "...a recreational corridor through which we can rediscover our heritage."

The starting point of the central route will be Astoria, Oregon; it will stretch across the country to Williamsburg, Virginia. Two alternate routes also are projected--one paralleling the Washing-

ton, Oregon and California coastlines and one, entitled the Great River Route, which will run along the Missouri and Mississippi Rivers.

Inexpensive eating facilities and overnight accommodations (the latter at approximately 50 mile intervals) will be situated along the trail, and support vehicles also will be provided "for carrying cyclists' gear and things," said McClusky.

The organization, expects from 10,000 to 30,000 bicyclists to travel the central route in 1976. Cyclists either may arrange to pedal from coast to coast, or they may join "at any point along the way and ride only part of the route," explains McClusky. However, no more than 100 cyclists may begin from any specific point on any specific day.

Plans for the transcontinental bicycle trail were developed by Dan and Liz Burdon, a Missoula, Montana couple. Their plans were conceived approximately two and one-half years ago while on a bicycle tour entitled Hemistour, which ran from Alaska to Argentina. After their trip, the Burdons determined to attempt to develop a coast-to-coast bicycle route in the US. They organized an independent, non-profit organization with this goal in mind, and solicited funds from both private individuals and organizations and the state and federal governments. When the organization was officially sanctioned by the America Revolution Bicentennial Committee, it became eligible for additional funding through that group.

'a recreational corridor...'

Bike Centennial '76 is attempting to keep expenses down by utilizing existing facilities whenever possible, however. No actual trails are being constructed; instead the route will be comprised of a network of secondary roads (the McKenzie Highway

in this area, for example). Existing eating and sleeping facilities will also be used if possible, although some hostels may be constructed. "But mainly we're thinking of using things like dormitories in colleges and university towns and hoping motels and restaurants will cooperate by offering low cost meals and sleeping plans," McClusky said.

McClusky said both the Oregon State and the Lane County governments are paying for some of the Bike Centennial expenses in this area. "Because the Oregon State Highway Department is probicycle, they're paying for all the signs, for example. And these will remain permanently."

'travel and rediscover rural America.'

Organizers of **Bike Centennial '76** would like to see the entire trail remain a permanent fixture in the US. "It would really be good if the signs could stay up in all the states and permanent hostels could be established."

"We need, and we're asking for, a lot of cooperation and help from a lot of people. The only salaried staff are the Burdons. Nobody else is getting paid anywhere else across the country. It's a labor of love."

More information may be obtained by either contacting **Lane County Bike Centennial '76**, PO Box 10856, Eugene, Oregon, 97401 or the national headquarters at PO Box 1034, Missoula, Montana.

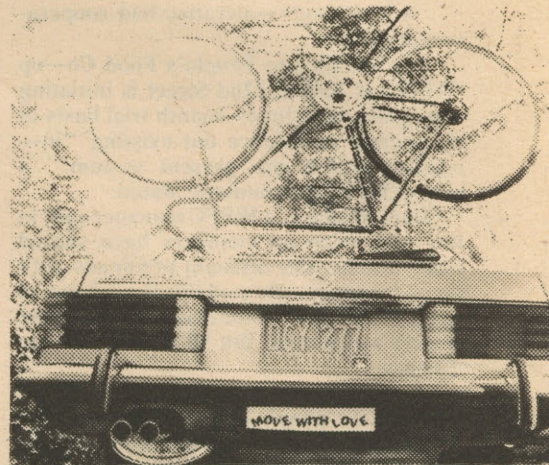


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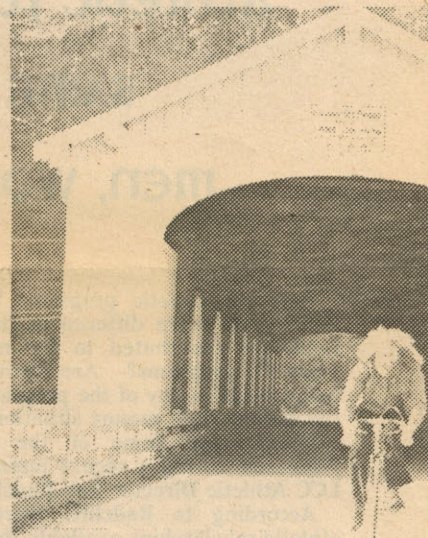
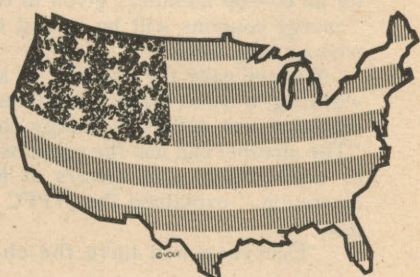
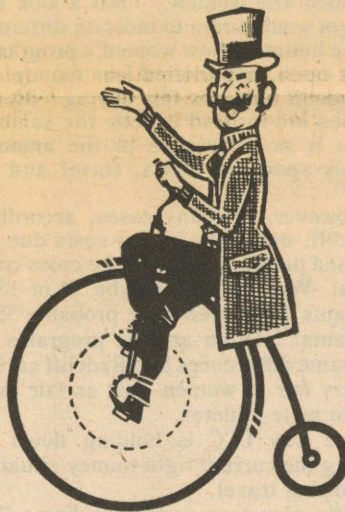


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Celebrating another centennial

by Jan Brown

On April 19, 1959, a wagon train left Independence, Missouri, bound for Independence, Oregon, to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of Oregon's statehood.

Reflecting on that adventure, Rudy Roudenbaugh of Cottage Grove, who drove the Drain, Oregon, wagon said, "We endured more Indian raids than any wagon train that came in the 1800's."

"Each community we passed through planned a celebration in our honor and it usually included an Indian raid."

When asked if he thought there would be another wagon train to celebrate the nation's Bi-Centennial he answered, "No I think we were the last. Even then we were somewhat of a traffic hazard and today it would simply be impossible because of the traffic increase."

"The idea for the wagon train was conceived by the Roseburg Junior Chamber of Commerce. They envisioned 100 wagons winding their way to Oregon," Roudenbaugh explained, "but few communities were able to raise the \$1,650 to sponsor such a trip or they lacked an experienced driver willing to spend four months on the trail."

Roudenbaugh, a local logger, solved both problems for Drain: As a young man he worked as a teamster in Nebraska, Wyoming and Idaho, so when the occasion arose, he donated the \$1,650 fee and

volunteered to drive the wagon.

As the departure date drew near, only seven communities were able to meet the sponsorship requirements: Hillsboro, Independence, Land County, Drain, Umpqua Valley, Rogue Valley, and Pendleton.

Roy Brabham, who at that time was a Eugene resident, located and restored six of the wagons, according to Roudenbaugh. Weaver Clark of Hillsboro restored the Hillsboro wagon. Brabham repaired the wheels and running gear, built new 16 foot boxes and shaped the hardwood bows which supported the canvas.

On April 9, 12 men, 6 women and 5 children--23 people in all--boarded a Trailways bus for Independence, Missouri, where the trek would begin. At the same time, Consolidated Freightways provided a truck and trailer to transport the restored wagons to Independence.

Unlike the travelers 100 years before, the basic needs of these "pioneers" had been anticipated and were taken care of by a caravan of motorized vehicles that supported the wagon train during the four month trip.

The caravan included a large truck (again donated by Consolidated Freightways) painted with an "On To Oregon" slogan that carried such necessities as animal feed, horseshoes, tools, spare parts and literature advertising Oregon; a two

and a half ton truck that carried water for the 21 animals; a complete field kitchen mounted in a U-Haul trailer and pulled by a pick-up truck and two station wagons used by the advance publicity people.

"Each wagon was equipped with a modern convenience that the first pioneers never dreamed of... a chemical toilet, which to my knowledge, was not used by anyone on the Wagon Train," Roudenbaugh stated emphatically.

On April 19, 1959, former President Harry S. Truman shouted "Forward!" and started the wagon train rolling westward on a 2,000 mile journey that would take 120 days.

The lead wagon carried the mail which had been stamped with a special commemorative postmark. Due to the added load of the mail, this wagon was drawn by four horses; each of the other six wagons was pulled by two animals. The group followed the original trail as closely as possible for 2,000 miles through six states, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Wyoming, Idaho and Oregon.

"For the first 40 days it rained most of the time," Roudenbaugh said. "The people didn't suffer any ill effects from the weather; in fact," Roudenbaugh added,

members joined the original group along the way.

Roudenbaugh noted that "The most gratifying thing and the biggest problem the travelers experienced were on in the same: The people along the way."

"They fed us, entertained us, took us into their homes for hot baths and meals, and did our laundry--we were total strangers but were always treated like friends."

"On the other hand, people being what they are (curious) visited the wagons in hordes, any time of the day or night, sometimes making it impossible to get a much needed rest and sleep after a hard day on the trail," he sighed.

"my daughter, Janelle, then 11, was healthier on that trip than at home."

However, the horses were not as fortunate--they suffered from colds and distemper and eventually most of them were replaced by mules which were better able to withstand the inclement weather and hard work.

The caravan was greeted by several thousand people when it arrived in Independence, Oregon, August 15. And only two persons who began the journey did not complete it.

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by Bumpo Gregory

As the bicentennial observance approaches, I am led to speculate about the changes that have taken place during this country's first 200 years as reflected in our media.

Our recent discouraging note was a story on an upcoming re-enactment of the encampment of Washington's army at Valley Forge, where the wives and girlfriends of the "soldiers" will appear as "camp followers" but will be sequestered in a separate camp at nighttime. We've either grown more officially prudish or are more prone to indulge the passions of our real fighting men.

Our morality is still schitzo in its extremes and there is a large, authoritarian faction in this country that is intimidated by sexuality. It's lobbying and legislating to suppress all sensual and erotic manifestations except in advertising, of course. I think there is a direct correlation between repressed sexuality and most of the brutalities and social nuisances still being perpetrated by Americans.

The conservative media in the USA makes a practice of being highly skeptical of any new movements, often trying to write-off forces like the counter-culture, women's liberation, and the new consciousness as fads like goldfish swallowing, hula hoops and streaking.

"Where Have all The Flower Children Gone?" asks a story in the Feb. 22 National Observer, and the gist of the article asserts that most of the drop-outs have been "smoothly absorbed by the mainstream of society, suggesting that no serious ripples were caused by the 'long-hair culture.'"

These articles seem to be directed at reassuring Americans that rebellious youth were really just going through a phase and are now concerned with "who will get the next Winnebago."

Well, I want to assure Americans that the counter-culture movement that started in, shall we arbitrarily say, the 1950's, has indeed had a revolutionary impact on our culture and is as firmly implanted as the Oregon fir, or perhaps more appropriately, the vine maple, since the basic purpose of the alternative movements was to hold American culture together and assure ourselves a future despite the threats of nuclear war and the unbridled waste of resources.

For a different view, another recent story compared Martin Luther's break with the dogma of the Roman Catholic Church to Ralph Nader's radical assertion that consumption is the business of the consumers and not solely the province of the corporate high priests.

Luther's 95 Theses in 1517 did open up religion for the people and, while Nader's influence is too recent for historical perspective, I suspect that the consumer's movement will make a strong alteration in our culture.

My grandmother was a First Centennial baby and she is still clinging to a thread of that awareness back in upstate (sic) New York. The changes that her lifetime spans are incredible in terms of technology and communication. She is half as old as the country (Can you dig it?) and predates cars, TV, radio, telephones, most electrical power, nuclear power, computers and most



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of the forces that dominate our lives.

The impact of the women's movement alone is totally restructuring our culture and the Register-Guard, among others, is still sneering and guarding the register.

There are millions of people determined not to be pulled into the stereotyped roles, the success and failure patterns, and the joyless absurdities that characterized and dominated the America ethic, culminating with the election of Richard M. Nixon.

Revolution is an on-going process, not something that occurs once in a while throughout history. And revolution is as much a fact of life as any of the other phenomena that we cling to with so much faith and absorption. I think that there are many cycles to be detected for those like

myself who are obsessed with patterns and consistency.

As we approach 200th year, we might remember that two important keys to survival are faith and adaptability. If a person has stopped throwing rocks at cops or poking flowers in gun barrels (pastimes of limited interest at best) and is now working in government, education or media, it doesn't necessarily mean that he or she has been co-opted or "smoothly absorbed" by the culture. We can look forward to just about as many lumps in the cultural gravy as we can stand on our way into our third generation, and you can bet that the people who seek smoothness are looking on the wrong planet or the wrong plan of existence.

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of O's collection of old photographs which lies filed and moldering, wanting funds for restoration.

The committee is open to participation by LCC students in every field. So far, the **Community College Honor Society Fraternity Phi Theta Kappa** has worked diligently with the committee on a few major projects for the Bicentennial. The first of these was the engagement of **Theodor Kuper**, prime restorer of Monticello, Thomas Jefferson's home in Virginia. Phi Theta Kappa, for its role in the Bicentennial, has chosen for its 1974-75 "Honors Program Study"—a topic around which it creates activities and dialogue—Thomas Jefferson and Benjamin Franklin.

His speaking date was a part of **Kuper's** crusade to "wake up America" to her history in its time of celebration. Being experienced at saving potential monuments from private manipulation (he raised "millions of pennies" from school children, bought the place from a private owner for \$500,000 in 1923 and persuaded the National Park Service to make the home into a national monument), Kuper, when he was here, advised Wayne Morse's widow on how to go about preserving her late husband's ranch as a state historical park.

personal friend and active campaigner for the late senator,

Initiations for Phi Theta Kappa will be held at the ranch next Friday.

The LCC Bicentennial Committee, along with Phi Theta Kappa, have both expressed a desire for more student and faculty input. Mafit, as archivist/history expert, sees the Bicentennial as a uniquely interesting opportunity to expand the public's sense of history—into its future.

"There are even three divisions of the Bicentennial into past, present, and future. The idea is to go all out to rouse a sense of history, then keep it sustained after the actual celebration is over. One of our proposals at LCC involves a permanent display of historical documents, in facsimile, which we hope to acquire for the library.

"I don't really like the idea of flag-waving, fanatical patriotism, but I do think that, especially in these times of economic woes, looking to the past, being conscious of where we came from, how we got started . . . gives us a clearer picture of where we are, and where we're going," Mafit said.

Projects proposed, as of now, by the committee, include:

1. **An exhibition of historical documents** (in facsimile, of course!) and memorabilia on the mezzanine of the college library. The committee hopes to have some volunteer help in the matting and framing from students in the various courses offered on the subject. (The evening course in Picture Framing offered by our Community Education Division is always extremely popular.) Some of the materials have been received from the National Archives printing service. Committee members LCC Head Librarian **Del Matheson** and **Randy Mafit** will direct the project.

2. **The LCC Bicentennial Essay Competition**, to be open to 11th and 12th grade students in the college district (all of Lane County with small areas of Linn, Douglas, and Benton). Three topics will be selected from suggestions to be made by history teachers in the district high schools, one on local history, one on regional history, and one on the history of the country. Essays will be limited to about 1,500 words and topics selected will be such as to call for individual interpretation. Prizes to be offered: Two round trips to Washington DC with money for expenses; and three one-year scholarships to LCC with a sum allowed to buy textbooks. **Randy Mafit**, and **Catherine Anderson**, American Literature instructor, will co-chair this project.

3. **Publication of a history of the Eugene Technical-Vocational School**. Ten chapters of the history are now ready in manuscript

form, commissioned as part of LCC's Tenth Anniversary observance; the work is expected to run to twelve chapters when complete. What is proposed is a printing on the LCC Press, with hard cover binding to be contracted. When ready, the volume is projected to sell at \$4. Some funding has been requested to meet costs of binding, with a proviso that this may be repaid out of sales.

4. **"Early Eugene News,"** a series of 15-minute television shows to be produced by students of the Mass Communications Department with student actors from the Performing Arts Department. Some filming has been done, but completion of the entire series will depend upon receipt of some funding support.

In addition to these definitely LCC projects, the college will be a participant in a community-wide observance to be called **Lane Bicentennial Days**. If plans for this materialize, it would be a series of events taking place in various public areas of the district during a period of seven to ten days in May 1976. Final awarding of the prizes in the essay competition would be scheduled at LCC campus as one of the events. Possibly the best source of information on Lane Bicentennial Days would be Lois Smith of Junior League or Paul Lansdowne, Lane County Bicentennial Chairman.



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LCC Bicentennial Committee has been meeting regularly since early December and proposing projects for the period of Bicentennial observance. Did you know that it existed? or what it's

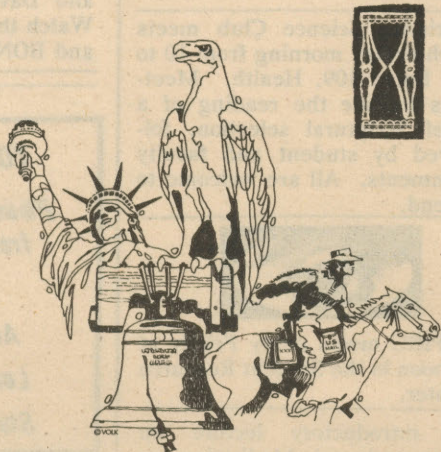
American Revolution Bicentennial Commission (ARBC) has agencies in each state to plan that state's observance for the Bicentennial in 1976. The ARBC Oregon, through its Committee on Bicentennial, wrote a letter to LCC President Schaffer in 1972 requesting that an Bicentennial Committee be formed to coordinate projects from the college for the Bicentennial contribution to the nation. In June 1974 **Lisl Fenner**, of the Government and Funding Department, was named head of the committee.

So what's it got started. So what's it now?

"We're trying to function more as a planning board for projects than the committee of them all," states Committee member **Randy Mafit**, LCC archivist. "We make sure the proposals meet the qualifications for funding." Funds will not be received for wage labor on any project, or for refreshments or entertainment at an event, or construction."

Mafit said "What the state agency is looking for is historical restoration or preservation on the local level, and cooperation among the various local agencies. For example, we hope to move with Lane County on an old-fashioned Fourth of July celebration, which would be a three-day affair at a park. We might send the band, or a brass band, and just generally help out. We're also looking to various newspapers for gratis space, which we'd make a commitment to fill, for little vignettes on historical place-names: how they changed, what little-known but interesting stories may be behind them."

Another possible project involves the U



His concern tugged at the fraternity, and its next event was a birthday party for historian **Irving Brant**, biographer of James Madison. Brant's 90th birthday was also Ben Franklin's 269th, and was celebrated on Jan. 17 at the Wayne Morse ranch in an attempt to bring the cause of its preservation to the attention of the public.

Mrs. Morse has given the state first bid on the land; if the state doesn't want it it will go up to private bid. Many private realtors want it badly. **Keith Schroeder**, a



Titans Number 1, going strong

by Kelly Fenley

No matter what else should be said, the LCC basketball team isn't napping anymore.

Displaying the type of talent and hustle that has made them 20-6, the Titans captured the first Oregon Community College Athletic Association basketball crown in their history this weekend with wins over Clackamas and Clatsop Community Colleges. They will now advance to the regionals as Oregon's Number 1 Junior College basketball team in the Twin Falls, Idaho tournament.

The Titans needed only one win to claim the OCCAA title in the last four games of the regular season, but last weekend they lost the first two to Linn Benton and Umpqua Community Colleges. About that time, Titan Coach Dale Bates was seriously worried about the team's lack of spark, and even their chance of taking the OCCAA title.

"We probably had as much intensity tonight as we had early in the year," said Bates after the Titans tromped over Clackamas 101 to 64 here Friday night. The momentum Saturday night was just as strong when the Titans clobbered Clatsop Community College 80-44 here at LCC.

"It started early this week," said Bates, referring to the team's renewed spirit.

The Titans will now go to Twin Falls, Idaho March 7-8 to begin the Region 18 Tournament. They will open up against Ricks, a College in Idaho. "We can be very competitive against Ricks," said Bates. To accompany the Titans to Idaho will be one other Oregon team, which will be determined in an OCCAA tournament this week.

The four teams competing are Linn Benton, playing Central Oregon Community College, and Umpqua Community College, in a match with Southwestern Oregon Community College. The winner of the tournament will challenge the winner of the tournament in Idaho, which ended up to be the College of Southern Idaho after beating Ricks. CSI is rated eighth in the nation of Junior Colleges and Bates is glad he drew Ricks. "Ricks is the weaker of the two," he said. The winner of the Region 18 Tournament will advance to national competition.

And if the Titans play as they did Friday and Saturday, they could probably be competitive against most anybody in the country. "I think we're going to be a tough competitor," said Bates, who was pleased this weekend in contrast to the last. But this weekend, the Titans had the intensity they lacked last week.

They opened up against Clackamas with an 18 to 5 lead and paced by Rick Weidig Doug Ainge and Bob Woods ended the half ahead, 56 to 29. "We had a real good team

effort," said Bates of the Titans who shot 40 percent from the field. They also played a man to man defense that wore the Cougars down so fast they only managed 8 for 31 the entire first half.

Bates also said that "the bench made a big contribution" in the Clackamas win. Jeff Johnston came off the bench to score 12 points for the night, and Davy Ohmer took the floor to hit 11. Meanwhile, the regular five were holding their own as well:

Doug Ainge scored 13 points along with Bob Woods, Rick Weidig made 12, Robbie Smith had 11 and Mike Reinhart sank 10.

Brian McDonald also came off the bench to score 6 points, to include a shot at the buzzer to put Lane over the 100 point mark; Greg MacKay and John Hassler tallied 4, Greg Anderson and Tim Yantis added 2 each and Tim Taggart ended with 1.

The Titans retained their power when Clatsop took the floor here Saturday night and in 12 minutes jumped to a 26 to 7 lead. Clatsop was in a 2-1-2 zone defense but couldn't stop the outside scoring by Lane. Mik Rinehart was also keying a fast break for the Titans and so LCC led at half by 14.

The Indians then only managed one

short scoring flurry when Lane changed to a zone defense but it was soon smothered out and the Titans ran away with the game in the second half.

There has only been one other LCC basketball team to win 20 games in one season and that was the season a couple of years ago when Irv Roth constructed a 20-7 mark. Bates now has a personal record of coaching five 20 game seasons in his eight years of coaching at the Community college level.

Women seeded for tourney

by Elma Barr

LCC's women's basketball team wrapped up its season with a 49 to 48 win over U of O JV's Tuesday, Feb. 18.

Coach Debbie Daggett said the season ended with eight wins and three losses in league play and eleven wins and five losses overall.

With this record for the season, the LCC Titans are going into the tournament "seeded second" according to Daggett. This means that they are picked as one of the top three teams in their league. The tournament officials use seeding as a way to schedule games so that none of the three top seeded teams can possible meet each other and get knocked out of the tournament play early.

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Two LCC wrestlers head for nationals

by Kelly Fenley

Arlene Rexius and Mark Booth came away from the Region 18 wrestling tournament in Coeur d'Arline, Idaho, last Friday night as regional champions. They will now advance to the national competition in Worthington, Minnesota, for the National Junior College championships Feb 27th - March 1st.

Rexius captured the 140 pound weight class and Booth claimed the heavyweight title to become LCC's second and third wrestlers ever to enter into the national competition. The only other previous candidate for Lane was Booth's brother, Murray Booth, who competed last year.

Rexius began the tournament by wrestling the top-seeded performer in his weight class. He ended up winning by 10 points though for the upset. "I really went hog-wild," he said. In the finals, he defeated Dwight Chapman of Umpqua Community College 4-3. "It's really interesting," he said, "because Chapman defeated me twice this year earlier."

Booth, who is 19-0 for the season, had to defeat Brad Bruhn of Northern Idaho in overtime, 3-2, to enter in the Region 18 final match. His opponent for that match had to forfeit by a default, however.

In the national competition, there are 32 wrestlers entering in each weight class. This means each wrestler, if he didn't lose, would wrestle five matches, according to Booth. If Booth or Rexius should lose a match, they would have to wrestle seven to eight times for the third or fourth place in their weight class.

Both feel they are ready to compete. "I feel I have just as good as chance as anybody," said Booth. Rexius said "I'm in as good as shape as I've ever been."