

## Work-study funds exhausted early

### Students lose 11 days of pay

by Kathleen Monje

345 students with jobs in LCC's Work-Study Program were abruptly laid off last Friday; the \$500,000 program ran out of money three weeks early.

LCC Financial Aid Officer Jack Powell said that this is the first time the program has run out of funds in eleven years. "There's no way work-study's not a gamble," Powell said.

He explained that the college must overcommit work-study money in order to allow for those students who drop out. If the school does not expend all its work-study funds, it is penalized by the federal government with less money the following year. This happened last spring, and as a result LCC will receive \$100,000 less for the program next year.

"What happened was that more people earned closer to what was awarded than ever before," Powell said, "and people didn't drop out at the same rate as previous years."

The students will receive their last checks on May 31. Of the 345 on the May payroll, 120 have either earned all their money or have been picked up financially by the departments or agencies where they work. The remaining 225 have been offered the option of a National Direct Student Loan.

The loan must be repaid after graduation at a three percent interest rate. Powell said that 30 students had requested loans by Wednesday afternoon.

"I want to emphasize that there was never any intent to do anybody any harm," Powell said. "Our purpose was to spend all the money."

Students who met with Dean of Students Jack Carter (who supervises the Financial Aid office) last Friday were told that they

have no legal recourse, because the work-study contract states that they will be paid according to "availability of funds."

However, not all of the out-of-work are accepting the administration's explanation. See accompanying story.

### Forty students meet, query Dean of Students

by Cheri Shirts

One student remarked "It's pretty lousy that this is all the people that showed up." The student was referring to the crowd (or lack of it) that attended an Ad Hoc work-study meeting yesterday.

The students gathered to find out what happened to their work-study money. On Monday, 345 work-study students discovered that funding for their jobs had expired.

Jack Carter, dean of students, was the only administrative representative at the meeting and was the recipient of a deluge of student questions.

Carter carefully explained LCC's historical over-commitment policy and offered the students two alternatives to their dilemma.

Carter suggested that:

- Work-study students contact their individual departments where there may be some part-time employee funds remaining which could be used to pay work-study students.

- Work-study students apply for National Direct Student Loans (NDSL) through the financial aids office.

Dean Carter recognized the financial problems imposed on the students and said that what happened was not intentional and that "sloppy management is not to be blamed for what happened."



As a result of the Wednesday morning meeting, a small group of students combined resources and contacted LCC Board chairman, Jim Martin, who agreed to meet with the students at 4 p.m. Wednesday.

The students contacted Martin in hopes of persuading him to call an emergency Board of Education meeting so that monies in the LCC budget's contingency fund can be released to cover the work-study deficit.

## Old dependable rides again

by Michael Riley

May is bicycle safety month. After reading the pamphlets and information that are available from the city on riding your bike, I pulled "old dependable" out of my garage. "O.D." is not a fancy 10 speed; it only has three speeds and an appearance not unlike the wreck of the Hesperus.

On a good day, with the streets void of traffic, I might be seen riding my two-wheeled wonder around town. But for this story and to satisfy a latent death wish I've had since birth, I rode my bike downtown last Sunday. Little did I know that everyone else in the city wanted to drive downtown that same day.

Diane Bishop, bicycle coordinator for Eugene Public Works, sent the TORCH some information on safe operation of bicycles and some of the laws concerning bike operation in our fair city.

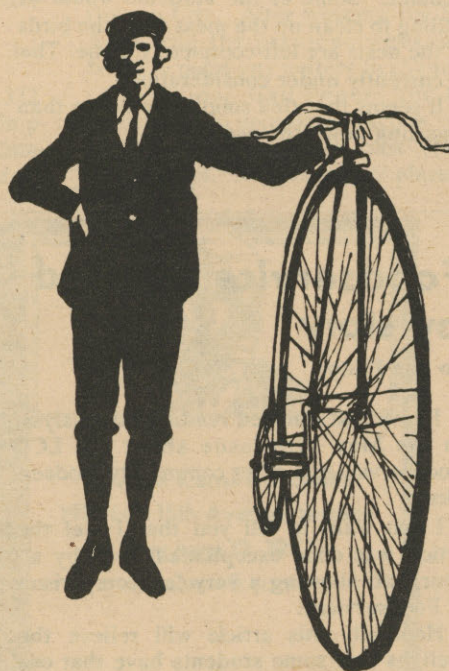
Actually, the laws and safe operation go hand in hand. Bicycles have no hands, however, so it is up to the operator to comply with these rules. For instance, all bicycles used on public streets must be licensed; this can be accomplished at the city finance department or at your friendly neighborhood bike dealer.

Licensing allows the bike to be registered with the police department. The fees collected from licensing help to maintain and construct the bikeways. It also establishes the concept of the bicycle as a transportation vehicle.

According to Bishop, there are "quite a few" bicycle-car accidents here in Eugene.

She added that the most dangerous areas are those where bikes and cars must share the same streets without benefit of bike lanes. The driver of a car soon forgets about the biker they passed a block back and the result can be an accident.

When riding a bike or driving a car, it is



"Old Dependable"

important to obey traffic signals. Especially when on a bike. During my trip downtown I pondered what could happen if I ran the stop sign instead of stopping. I decided I make a better writer than a hood ornament.

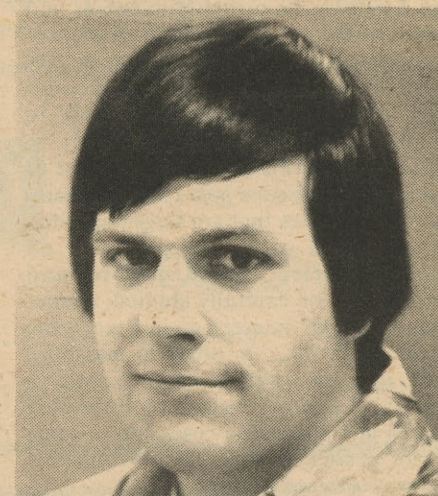
The pamphlet advises bicyclists to ride defensively and to avoid cars that make sudden turns, loose gravel, rough pavement and opening car doors. Motorists tend to ignore the venerable velocipede. I learned this simple fact when a car tried to occupy the same space I was in on the street. No matter what I yelled or shouted, the driver continued his onslaught. In a case like that, discretion is the better part of valor, so I yielded. Better that than puncturing his tires with my ribs.

There is a good side to bicycling; besides the dangers found in traffic you can enjoy the exercise, the sheer joy of getting somewhere without polluting the air. The police, the public works department and I advise using bike paths. These offer a safety zone on the busier thoroughfares in Eugene.

Apart from obeying all the city and state vehicle laws, there is no difference in operating a bike. There are certain requirements concerning braking ability and lighting (for night use), but these are for the safety of the operator as well as the rest of the general public.

My trip downtown ended safely. There were no major injuries except a bruised ego on my return trip. The kid next door received a brand new bike for her birthday, and to top it off, she laughed at mine!

### Lewis leaves KLCC



Recently-hired KLCC Public Affairs Director Randy Lewis is leaving the station to take a reporting job at KASH, a Eugene-based station.

Lewis started his job at KLCC February 1. "There have been rough moments (at KLCC), but that wasn't a factor in my decision," he said.

Lewis says a substantially higher salary and the "significant professional advancement" are his reasons for leaving public radio at LCC. He will begin at KASH on June 6.

His assignment is educational news, which means he will be covering LCC.

Lewis feels he's made an improvement in the Public Affairs Programming while at KLCC. "I encouraged people to use KLCC as a vehicle for their opinions. . . people who weren't encouraged before. Programming was very narrow-minded before my arrival."



# Corporate profit needs pest control

Would protecting the environment from pesticides mean hunger for millions whose food could have been protected by them?

Vast quantities of pesticides are used in the U.S.--about 1.2 billion pounds annually--six pounds for every American, more than 30 per cent of the world's total consumption. These chemicals are not applied mainly to American farmland. In fact, nearly half the pesticides used in the U.S. are applied to golf courses, parks and lawns.

Even more of an eye-opener is the fact that only about 5 per cent of this nation's crop and pasture land is treated with insecticides, 15 per cent with weedkillers, and 0.5 per cent with fungicides. Of insecticides, which account for the major portion of all pesticides, more than half are used on nonfood crops such as cotton.

Are pesticides in Third World countries helping to feed the hungry? According to the Food and Agricultural Organization of the U.N., over 800 million pounds of pesticides are used annually in underdeveloped countries. That great majority, however, are applied to nonfood crops, principally cotton, and to "fruits and vegetables grown under plantation conditions for exports."

But what about the poisons that are used in food agriculture? Have the chemicals worked? Are they effective? Are they necessary? The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) estimates that 30 years ago farmers used 50 million pounds of pesticides and lost 7 per cent of their crop before harvest. Farmers today use 12 times more pesticides and lose twice as much of their crops before harvest. Furthermore, the USDA estimates that even if all pesticides were eliminated, all crop loss due to pests (insects, pathogens, weeds, mammals and birds) would only increase by seven percentage points. How can this be explained?

A field is not just a battlefield of pest versus plant. A closer look reveals a highly complex, interacting system of hundreds of different species and insects and other organisms occupying diverse ecological niches. A dead bug is not the only good bug. Some insects eat only part of the crop plant, some are parasites or flesh-eating predators that eat other insects. The plant-eating species certainly do eat the crop plant. But studies show that the vast majority of species do not cause sufficient damage to justify the cost of insecticides. Their numbers are kept below economic injury levels by the action of parasites and predators. But when these natural controls are destroyed by insecticides that do not distinguish friend from foe, many ordinarily insignificant insects are able to multiply faster than their predators.

Basic environmental security, not to mention truly effective pest control, clearly requires pesticides that are target-specific. The effects of each new pesticide on nontarget insects, other wildlife, and people should be carefully studied; chemical corporations' interest go in exactly the opposite direction. In order to maximize profit margins and expand sales, a chemical company seeks to minimize research and marketing costs and to come up with pesticides that kill the broadest spectrum of pests.

Pesticide sales are further expanded by

promoting "100 per cent" pest elimination. Aiming for 100 per cent eradication, however, is extremely expensive, unnecessary, often fails, is likely to be dangerous and can result in costly "overkills."

To maximize profits, the companies promote scheduled spraying, instead of spraying in response to a need. Scheduled spraying means greater and more predictable sales. It is much easier for a Dow Chemical manager to judge how much pesticide to produce and distribute to different outlets if he can simply multiply the number of acres his customers own by a given quantity per acre. That way he does not have to take into account predictions about how bad a particular pest really is going to be in a given year.

Some American farmers have begun to realize the serious environmental and health damage involved in these techniques. In addition, they are spending more and getting fewer and fewer results. Graham County Arizona cotton growers, working with scientists from the University of Arizona, sent trained scouts into the field to measure pest levels to see if and when spraying was necessary. Pesticide expenditures dropped tenfold, as did the pest damage. Including fees paid to "pest scouts," total pest control costs were less than one fifth of the scheduled approach. (At this point chemical companies put enormous, and successful pressure on the highest levels of the University administration to force termination of the program. Similar experiments on 42 cotton and 39 citrus farms in California reduced pesticide expenditures by more than 60 per cent.

In some cases, pesticides are used not to improve yield or quality, but only appearance. Take the lowly "thrips." Thrips are minuted pests that do not reduce yields, harm trees, or lower the nutritional value of citrus fruits. Its singular offense is causing a light scar on the citrus skin. In California citrus groves, tons of pesticides are applied several times each year in the war against the humble thrips. The thrips develop a resistance, but the growers dump on more and more deadly pesticide, raising costs in the process. Other, once innocuous insects, such as red mites, become real pests in the absence of their natural enemies. Farmworkers contract chronic and acute illnesses due to exposure to Parathion and other organophosphates used in place of DDT for thrips control. No one yet knows the effects on consumers.

Are there any alternatives? Indeed so. Now that tampering with complex natural systems is seen to be possibly more dangerous than the pests being controlled, such alternatives are being viewed in a new light.

For decades, pests that attacked corn were controlled by annually alternating corn with a crop like soybean in the same field. Corn rootworm, for example, will not eat the soybean plant and cannot survive a year without corn. Ironically, certain weedkillers, now commonly used in corn cultivation in the United States, prevent this kind of rotation by remaining in the soil and killing noncorn plants the next season. Farmers relying on herbicides must then plant corn year after year on the same land, a practice that in itself tends to increase insects, disease and weeds, while deplet-

ing the soil. Worse still, the corn rootworm has now developed nearly total resistance to major pesticides.

Introducing controlled populations of natural predators and parasites into the fields is another non-chemical method with potential. After a pesticide disaster in Peru's Canete Valley, growers sought to restore natural controls. They imported numerous insects including thirty million wasps and twenty gallons of ladybugs to control leaf rollers, bollworms and aphids.

In Egyptian cotton fields the tradition was to collect by hand the egg masses of

the cotton leafworm. After growers put their faith (and money) into insecticides, yields declined dramatically; only a return to hand collection of egg masses shows hope for yield increases.

Tragically, pest control technology is dominated by a small number of large chemical corporations that will turn profits only if they continue to make farmers and concerned people everywhere believe that human survival depends on the increased use of their products.

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## Energy saving ideas on water, heat listed by power companies

by John Healy

We all waste energy. Unknowingly, we contribute to the energy crunch. Many of us are concerned about the immense amounts of energy we waste. Unfortunately, we're ignorant.

We never learned more than a handful of the hundreds of energy saving tips which have been developed--ideas which would drastically reduce our energy bills.

A group of four Eugene-Springfield area power companies have combined to

publish a list of energy saving ideas which offer the homeowner concrete methods of reducing energy consumption.

The Blachly-Lane County Co-op, Eugene Water and Electric Board, Lane Electric Cooperative, Inc., and Springfield Utility Board, are currently mailing the list of energy saving ideas to their customers.

### Water

1. Take showers, not baths. Try to limit time in the shower only to that which is necessary. If taking a bath, do not draw more water than is necessary. Shower head restricters are recommended.
2. Repair all dripping faucets and leaking toilet facilities.
3. Dishwashers: Avoid use of the dishwasher or wait until it is fully loaded. If you rinse dishes prior to loading, rinse with cold water. If you hand wash dishes, fill a dishpan or other sink with rinse water.
4. Water heater temperature should not exceed 140 degrees. Turn off electricity to the water heater if leaving home for three days or more.
5. Clothes Washer: Wait until washer is fully loaded and use coldest water possible.
6. Don't let water run when brushing teeth, washing hair and shaving.
7. Limit use of garbage disposals.

### Heating

1. Don't depend on the thermostat settings, go by your own comfort. Keep temperature where you are comfortable with a light sweater on.
2. Keep fireplace dampers closed when not in use. If fireplaces are being used, turn down the thermostats normally used for heating.
3. Keep all filters clean in furnaces and maintain a periodic maintenance schedule.
4. Use storm windows or plastic covers on windows in the winter time. Install storm doors.
5. Close foundation vents on windward side of house during cold weather, but open next spring.
6. Shut off registers and heat vents in unused rooms unless there are items in the room vulnerable to freezing. Keep return air grills and warm air ducts clean and free of obstructions.
7. If you have baseboard heating, be sure air flow is not restricted by furniture, carpeting or drapes. Keep baseboard heating surfaces clean.
8. Install weather stripping and caulking on windows, doors, or other openings to prevent heat loss.
9. Keep draperies closed at night, open on sunny days.
10. Thermostats should not be placed on cold walls or outside walls. Thermostats should be lowered 10 degrees at night. Minimum settings of 55 degrees should be maintained on thermostats when leaving for a period of time, i.e., vacations, moving from the residence, etc.
11. Minimize use of all portable electric space heaters.
12. Make sure of proper insulation in the home (ceiling, walls, and under floors). Insulate all heating and return air ducts and hot water piping.
13. Using the oven for room heating is not recommended.

## Student offers to clean up after birds

To The Editor:

It seems this spring at Lane Community College has been interrupted with the removal of the cliff swallows nests on many of the campus buildings.

The reason for the removal of the nests, according to Eldon Schafer, president of Lane Community College, is that the birds create a mess on the windows and a hazard to pedestrians.

A conversation with Oregon Game and Wildlife Management Representative Richard Coleman confirms that there is a federal law protecting these birds and their eggs. Removal of the nests at this time would indeed interfere with the survival of the young, since the birds have begun to lay their eggs.

There is a repellent that would prevent the birds from building their nests in certain areas, but it is far too late in the season to be used. This also makes the current nest policy ineffective, for it would be in violation of the law.

A compromise has been offered to Mr. Schafer: Some of the students would be willing to clean up the mess from the birds if the nests are left completely alone. That is currently under consideration.

It seems that this solution is better than knocking down the nests.

Toni Roberts  
LCC Student

## Foodservice pleased by story

To The Editor:

I have just finished reading the analysis in the May 19th issue about the LCC Foodservice and other community foodservices.

I just want to tell you that I feel the article was done exceptionally well by all your staff showing a very fair comparison of Foodservices.

Hopefully this article will relieve the feelings that some students have that our foodservice here at LCC is out of line with the community in regard to the prices that must be charged to meet a non-funded breakeven budget.

Robert Tegge  
Foodservice manager

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## CBE: more than taking a test

by Mike Arnold

Credit-by-Examination (CBE) is the opportunity for a student to demonstrate the mastery of material covered in college courses, and receive legitimate credit for that course, but there is more to it than just taking a test, says LCC counselor Gene Sorenson.

"There is a process to follow," said Sorenson, whose office is located in the Center Building (room 215). "Students should first talk to the instructor of the class for which they wish to take the CBE. The instructor may try to encourage or discourage the student, depending on the impression the student makes. The most important consideration is whether the student knows the course or not."

"I personally talk to the students who come to me for CBE," says Karla Shultz, German instructor. "I want to be sure that the student is ready for the CBE," she continued, "because my exam is more than just a final. There is more involved testing required for CBE because the student must show that he knows everything a regular student knows about German. That includes speaking, listening, writing."

Shultz says she has no problem in giving a CBE "but it is more work for me. First I counsel the student on what to study before I give the exam, so they know what to expect. Then we set a date, and give the exam."

Some of Shultz's CBE's have taken three days to administer "because they are comprehensive. I want to be sure any CBE student has the same knowledge of German as a regular student who sits in my class. It shouldn't be easier for a CBE to get credit for my class than a regular student," Shultz said.

Sorenson pointed out that students should be aware of other problems with taking classes by CBE. "A good example would be the veteran who takes CBE to become a full-time student; this is not allowed by the Veteran's Administration."

However, students on financial aid can become full-time students by using the CBE, Sorenson said.

The testing office is located in the Center Building, room 224. Most of the information students might need is readily available in the testing office. There is a cost of \$5 per credit for each class that is taken by CBE. Quick calculation shows that is \$20 for a four credit class.

## SRC offers clothes exchange

by Kathy Cummings

The clothing exchange is "one of the few services we offer that is used consistently," said Consuelo Turner, who invented the idea.

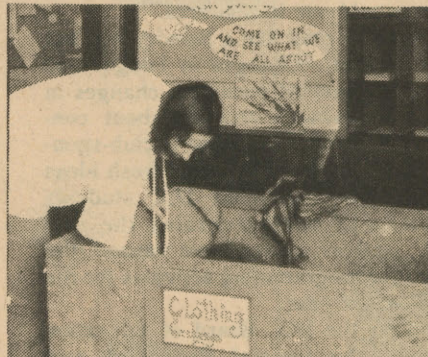
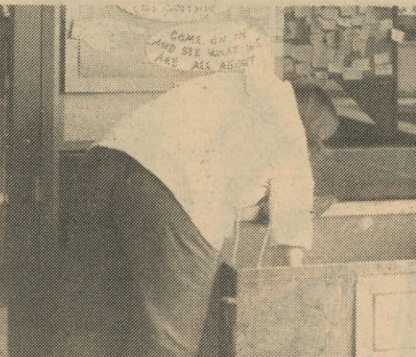
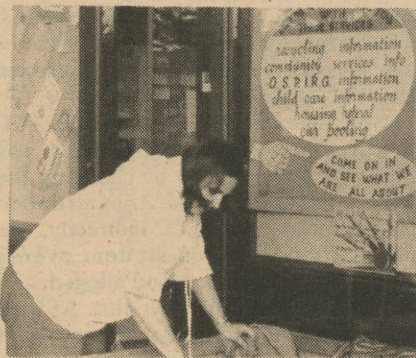
At present, the Clothing Exchange box sits outside the SRC door, where people can donate any excess clothes they may have—or take whatever they need.

"It's been doing really well." One problem however, is that not all people know what the box is. "Some people think it's trash or something," she said.

Turner, who is the coordinator of the child care program sponsored by the Student Resource Center, said she originally planned it to be a toy and clothing exchange for children during the Christmas season. For different reasons it didn't get underway until January, and was then expanded to include both children's and adult's clothes.

But some students must know what the box is, though. According to Turner, people are constantly stopping and going through the box. She said she tries to keep the box "decent" by continually folding the clothes and arranging them so passer-bys can easily see the contents. She also made a large, eye-catching sign for the box but someone took it the first day she put it out.

Turner feels sure that the program will continue through the summer and hopefully through the next year. "I hope they



keep it up (next year), because it is used," she said.

She concluded by asking donors to clean clothes before contributing them to the box: "We don't clean the clothes. . .because we don't sell them. . .but it's nice to have them washed before you bring them in."

## Criminal justice course offered this summer

by Patricia Garrick

Criminal justice instructors are developing a short course for this Summer Term to help students prepare for entry into the criminal justice field, and to assist police officers prepare for promotion boards.

According to Paul Malm, chairman of the Social Science Department, this short summer workshop in Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice will be the only "special" course offered this Summer Term. All interested students should contact Instructor Mike Hoggan, in the Adult Education Dept., upper level Apprentice Bldg.

Introduction to Women's Studies and

Economics will also be offered for the first time this summer, Malm said. Economics will emphasize the American economy, he added.



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# It reads like a laundry list

## Why LCC doesn't & won't sponsor big concerts

by Sheri Jeffers

The Emmy Lou Harris concert held April 29 at the Lane County Fairgrounds could have been held at LCC if there had been better management in the ASLCC Student Activities Office, said Ken Pelikan, ASLCC student president.

"I get sick whenever I see that poster advertising the concert," said Pelikan. "The promoters had to know right away and couldn't wait for us to get our scheduling organized. Our budget has been cut so we don't have the work-study help we would use in that area."

The reasons read like a laundry list, but they're all fact: Changes in budget and student government positions; changes in the administration's attitude about concerts; changes in the number of club-sponsored activities; and the lack of fresh ideas and response from other LCC students (especially by not purchasing the new ASLCC student cards) have caused the problems in programming activities for the 1976-77 school year.

Last year the LCC Board of Education abolished the Special Programs and Activities Fund (SPAF) and the full-time position of ASLCC secretary held by Connie Hood. Hood, now the secretary for the Study Skills Learning Center, helped coordinate many student activities while working for ASLCC from 1973-76.

The SPAF money came from the old mandatory student fee of five dollars per full-time student which used to be divided among Health Services, Athletics, the TORCH and Student Activities, said Hood. Now the fees are mandatory, but administered by the college. Health Services, sports and the TORCH still receive monies, but ASLCC Student Activities receives less than before. The ASLCC has attempted to sell special student body cards to raise money.

How much money was in the ASLCC budget for student activities for this year?

Jay Jones, director of the Student Activities Office, said there was no money in ASLCC's budget but went on to explain that there was \$5,500 in the Cultural Programs budget for this year. It is his office, and not the ASLCC, that has the money for activities. The money comes only from vending machine sales on campus, explained Jones. But ASLCC Activities has use of this money for their events. In fact, most of the money is allocated to ASLCC during the year, said Jones.

There was once a matching-fund grant from the Oregon Commission for the Arts for the 1976-77 year. This money was used to produce the Portland Opera Company's visit to LCC this fall. As of May 10, all but about \$500 in the Cultural Programs budget has been committed, said Jones.

In the previous school year, 1975-76, ASLCC's budget had \$3,000 in activities and \$2,500 in miscellaneous programs and projects, Jones said. The \$5,500 was

available in both years but in 1975 ASLCC had its budget for activities and in 1976 the money for activities comes from a different office, the Student Activities Office, directed by Jones and a branch of the LCC Administration. The ASLCC, ideally, has no authority above it, but by changing the funds to another office, the Administration has more control of ASLCC indirectly. So the main limitations on student events have been budget cuts, Hood alleged.

"Students should buy the ASLCC student card for five dollars if they want more and better programs," she said.

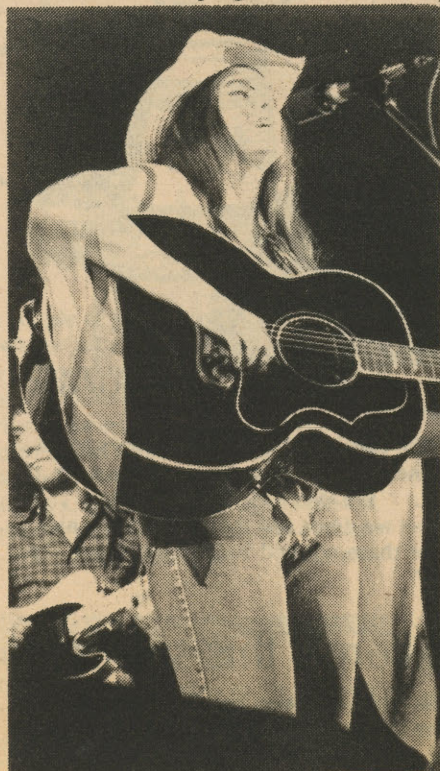


photo by Steve Thompson

Through the cards, ASLCC can raise its own money for events without having to be as involved in another office.

Concerts are a particular problem for LCC. Space that is large enough to make a concert profitable is limited at LCC, Hood said. "For big name concerts we have to guarantee big money, and to draw the crowds we need the space. The gym or the grounds are the only places large enough to hold a concert. We need to sell 3,000 seats to make it profitable and the Performing Arts Theatre seats only 560--the Forum Building less."

Hood remembers when Cheech and Chong played in the gym in 1974. The rowdiness and dirty jokes had the local community "down" on the college. So now the college administration is sensitive to rock concerts, said Hood. "We're lucky to have anything going on," she said.

Jay Jones, director of the Student Activities Office, said that the limited budget means only limited entertainment is possible. Student Activities concentrates on bringing local band talent here because their average cost for three hours of dancing music is only \$150 to \$200. Our budget cannot afford an Emmy Lou Harris.

She costs \$5,000 and our budget for the whole year is \$5,000.

"We have not made a profit on rock concerts in the past; there aren't enough people coming. Maybe events would have more response if the college were closer to liquor places. The U of O is right downtown and we can't compete with locations," Jones said.

The U of O has Mac Court, which seats 10,000. Jones said that for concerts like "Elvis," Student Activities would have to charge \$25 to \$30 a ticket; whereas the U of O could charge \$12 and make a profit. LCC's gym bleachers accommodate only 3,000 people.

Damage to the gym is another one of Jones' concerns. The bleachers have to be pulled across the floor and set on a protective floor covering. And a covering is yet to be found that is both thick enough to protect the floor from cigarette burns and thin enough for the bleachers to move across. People do not use the butt cans provided, said Jones, and continue to drop them between the seats where they are impossible to get to in time.

"When an interested group of students can demonstrate that they are capable of planning it and have the proper security and good publicity and enough people to implement it, then we can try another rock concert," Jones said.

The ASLCC has "not yet learned the importance of cooperation," said Jones. "They want to decide who comes, but want others to do the work. The promoters of Emmy Lou sat with ASLCC members and were going to sign a contract to pay us \$400 off the top of gate receipts if we wanted the concert here." Due to prior scheduling of the gym, Student Activities couldn't have done it anyway, said Jones. "But what's the value in students' putting on a show for gate receipts? Why does this program exist, if it is not an extension of educational value," said Jones. To put on a show for gate receipts means that the promoters of Emmy Lou do all of the work in setting up the concert and keep all of the profit but \$400. The \$400 is the rent paid to Student Activities for the use of LCC's facilities. Most of the ticket sales are in the promoters' hands as well. Hood said that tickets for the Grateful Dead concert in 1971 were handled by promoters and too many were sold, causing fighting and destruction to the gym by those who got in but couldn't see well, and by those trying to gain admission.

Carter suggested the possibility of joining with the U of O on a concert. "It has never been tried before, but it's something to look into. A concert is a one-shot deal," Carter said, but it won't solve the problem of a general lull in campus events.

Carter said he doesn't intend for the Student Activities Office to "go out and drum up activity," but said that "We haven't done a good job of getting information to the student clubs that there is money for them and the way to get it." Even though there is less budget, "The Student Activities Office has money to underwrite fundraising projects and group-sponsored activities from operas to pow-wows," he said.

One student, Mark McNutt, wants to make campus cultural events easier to find. A music major, Mark now holds the office of Cultural Affairs director of student activities and for the last month, since his term began, he has been going through files of speakers and performers trying to organize things.

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## And what about that student lounge idea?

### No progress after 7 years

by David Reavis

After seven years of controversy, LCC students are still without a student lounge, and according to Paul Colvin, director of the Institutional Research and Planning (IRP), it will be at least another two years more before the college could act on the idea.

Colvin explained the IRP first deals with a request for construction by deciding on specific purposes and functions; the IRP then looks at the gross needs, cost feasibility, and available funding. If it is a valid request the proposal is then put before the Board and, if approved, put on a priorities list with other proposed projects. It remains there until such time that those projects with higher priorities are completed.

Some of the works currently in progress, Colvin noted, are the relocation of Health Services to the southwest corner of the first-floor Center Building; the remodeling of the Apprenticeship Buildings for Community Education; and the Health P.E. Aquatics project.

Colvin told the TORCH state building money isn't as accessible as some people think.

Colvin went on to say that the Legislature is now involved in a conflict over past funding debts, and he admitted that he is unsure of LCC's accessibility (for any future commitments by the state) for building funds.

Colvin said a preliminary site on the second floor of the Center building is currently favored for a lounge, a suggestion by Jay Jones, student activities director.

Jones told the TORCH he thinks the larger section of the cafeteria (facing the expansive lawn to the north) could be divided approximately in two, with the western division remaining under Food Services, and a newly formed eastern section being remodeled to form a student lounge-recreation area.

That proposal, Colvin said, would initially involve agreement between Food Services and Student Activities.

In stressing the need for a student lounge, Jones cited anecdotal cases of student need: He said he has observed some students who, in trying to find a satisfactory medium between the noisy cafeteria and the academic atmosphere of the library, have retreated to their automobiles to "kick back." He also mentioned that many students seek refuge outdoors during the time between their classes, but added, "this alternative is obviously restricted to fair weather."

"A student lounge would be a place where students could lean back and relax," Jones said, "even to the point of closing their eyes."

Jones also ventures to say that a student lounge-recreation facility could also be a place to provide entertainment such as musical programs, movies and television, billiards, foosball and chess. According to 1970-71 TORCH issues, the student and staff positions on lounges were insistent on segregating one from another. Jones said he thought one current aspect of LCC that deserves admiration is the close relationship many staff members have with their students, and Jones would, under these circumstances, encourage faculty members to also utilize a student lounge--once it is proposed and planned in the future.

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# Latchkey Kids: A lonely minority

by Mildred Holly

Hunched against the warm spring rain, Katie takes the key from around her neck, unlocks the door, quietly slips into the empty house and locks herself inside. She is a six-year-old known by society as a latchkey kid.

No friendly neighbors watch out the windows to see if Katie makes it safely home from school. The neighbors all work.

Katie is on her own until her mother, a student at Lane Community College, is able to get home at three—but sometimes—as late as five.

The mother (who will remain anonymous for the protection of the child) said, "Katie doesn't like it, and I don't like it. She starts crying every time I have to tell her I won't be able to make it home until five. . . It really concerns me. I also was a latchkey kid and things happened to me."

Katie's mother was sexually molested by a neighbor man when she was six-years-old. She says she lives "in constant fear that Katie will have to deal with experiences similar to mine at that age."

A growing number of children come from single parent families, like Katie's, in which the parent has to choose whether to accept a low-income job, pursue educational goals, or stay at home with the children and go on welfare.

Similar choices are made in two parent families.

So, how many latchkey children are there in the Eugene/Springfield area? No one knows.

**Katie's mother goes to LCC and can't be with the six year old in the afternoons. But she worries...when she was a latchkey kid, she was sexually molested. Now, she worries about her own child suffering from the same experiences.**

How many children under the age of 12 come from families where both parents (or parent in the case of a single parent family) either work or are in school? No one knows. The agencies which provide social service for children in Lane County don't have the statistical data necessary to identify the numbers. Research costs money--which agencies don't have. Besides, asking the necessary questions is "considered by some an invasion of privacy."

The State Children's Services Division, 4 C's, and the Lane County Youth and Children's Service don't know.

And how do you determine the needs of kids if you don't know where they are?

Lane Community College doesn't know the answers to the above questions either. It doesn't even know how many students and staff members have children whose supervision and care become a major problem because there is no adult left at home.

And, when there is no longer a parent at home who does that leave to care for the children?

On typical days, children can be seen accompanying their parent(s) to class, clinging to skirts or impatient hands, or bumping along in a back-pack--their mobile home.

But no one at LCC knows the statistics, let alone how the parents are meeting the problem.

On public school holidays, the numbers swell. The children scamper across the campus like friendly pups. They sit in classes with their color books and crayons, find a spot in the library to read, play in groups on the grounds, but also lean precariously over the railings and until recently (when it was removed for their safety) played with the paper cutter in the library.

Three young mothers take their babies with them when they attend John Klobas' sociology class--one is a five-month-old baby girl who has attended classes with her mother since one-week-old. The mother says, "Once over the initial shock my instructor accepted and even welcomed the idea." She said the baby nurses frequently and has been "accepted--or at least overlooked--by other students. . . It's an alternative which others might attempt."

On the national level in 1975, 7.2 million families were headed by women, according to Beverly Johnson McEaddy in the Monthly Labor Review. Fifty-four per cent of these female heads of families were employed. In March 1975, more than 9 million children were in a family without a father. One-fourth of those children were under the age of six.

But this data doesn't take into consideration the growing number of children from single male heads of families.

What about children whose parents go to school? One out of every four female heads of families has not even attended high school, and the ability to provide adequately for their children is directly related to their ability to further their education.

**Betty pays good money for childcare...she doesn't want someone just staring at the kids. But finding good daycare people is difficult, and some parents don't have much money.**

McEaddy said, "For several million of these women, the barriers impeding the climb continue to be inadequate training and education for the current job market. . . Unless they can penetrate the more skilled occupations that pay higher salaries, they will not be able to provide their families an adequate or comfortable living."

And so, some of those 7.2 million female heads of families are here at LCC along with married mothers of preschoolers, mothers who decided to wait until their children were in school before returning themselves, and grandmothers who waited until their children were college educated and "it was my turn."

Fewer are waiting until they are grandmothers to further their education.

Financial and personal pressures are against waiting.

"Mother" is no longer considered a reason to stay home.

Among those who have made the decision to finish school is Colleen Bradshaw.

Colleen, a divorced mother with two young children ages four and seven, is majoring in psychology and hopes some day to open her own office in clinical psychology in a smaller community. She is trying to stretch the dollars which she receives from her veteran's benefits (she served as a communication center specialist in the WAC's) and the \$200 a month the children's father pays for their support.

Colleen is on the waiting list at the campus day care center. In the meantime, care at a private daycare center for her preschool child costs \$105 a month. Add to that educational costs, rent, utilities, food, clothing, "payments for a beat-up VW" and there isn't anything left over. She says frankly, "If I didn't get food stamps, I think we'd all starve."

Colleen does not consider it her option to wait until the children are older before continuing her education.

"I can't. My veteran benefits run out in September of 1979. . . I would have to wait four or five years before I'd really feel good about leaving the children. That means I would be 40 before I could start taking care of myself."

Cheri Shirts waited until her youngest child was in kindergarten before she started to

college. And that first year she only attended LCC part time. When asked why she didn't return sooner she replied, "Well, I had kids, and I didn't feel I could when they were preschoolers."

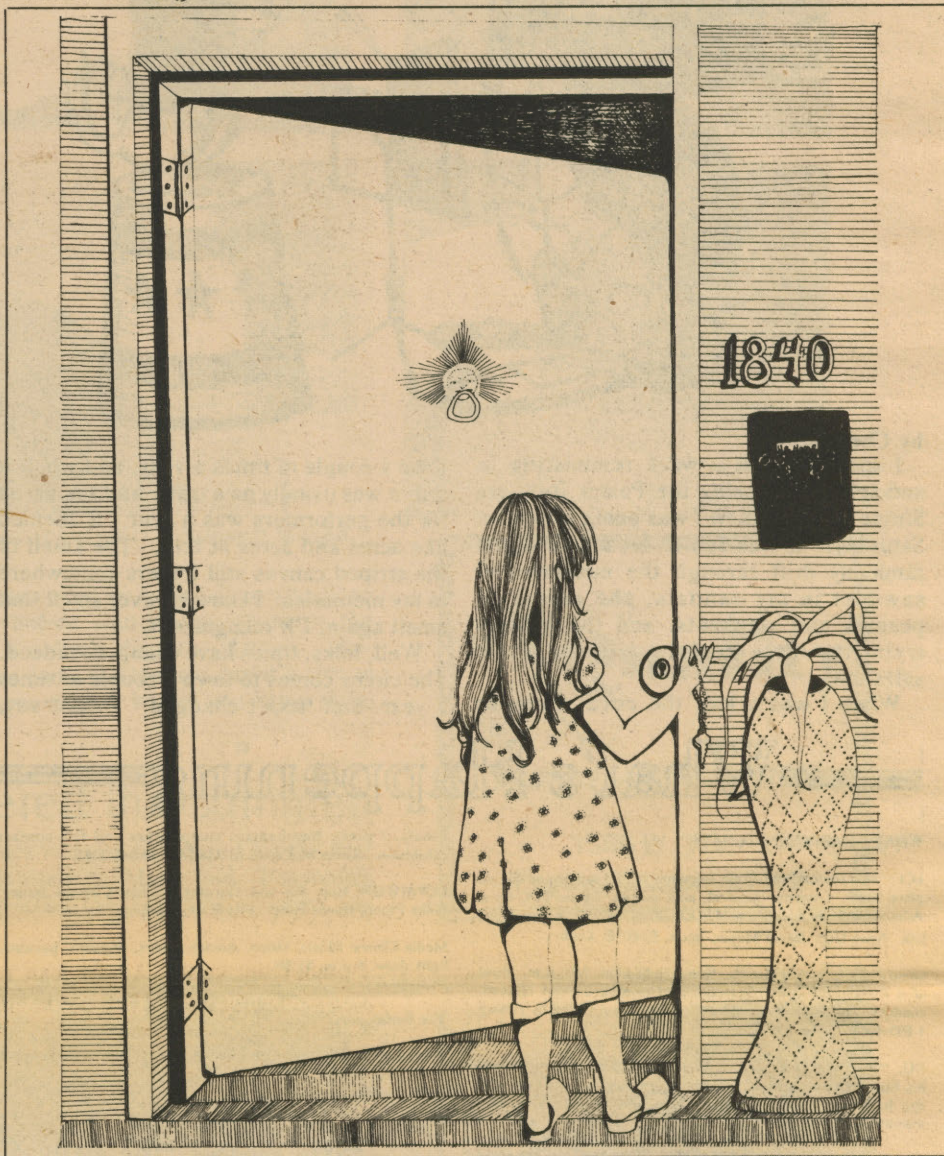
Cheri is married, has two school-age children, and hopes to transfer to the School of Journalism at the University of Oregon fall term. Cheri's husband teaches music at Junction City. They moved to Eugene from there to enable Cheri, who has primary responsibility for the children, to attend LCC and also care for the children.

Cheri says the family does a lot of juggling so that children can "still be kids and I can pursue my education." She does not try to study until after the children are in bed, around 8:30 p.m. "That's when I start my third shift," she said laughingly.

Cheri stays home if one of her children is ill. "My husband has stayed home with them," she said.

But when Katie, the latchkey child, is ill, she stays home alone.

Her mother said there are days when "Katie can't go to school and I can't miss," So Katie's mother goes home for lunch and tries to call during the day to check if Katie is



okay. "I really feel badly about that. Being alone all day is really hard for a six-year-old," she said.

Betty Vail, an LCC counselor/instructor, agrees that it is difficult for parents involved outside the home to provide for children when they are ill.

She said, "The problem is to provide care for them when they are doing things which are not typical of the normal day. . . if a child gets sick, I don't have any resources to take care of that child while he is sick."

Betty, has been divorced for two years and assumes responsibility for her four children, ranging in ages from three to ten.

The baby-sitting and child-care which Vail provides for her children is very expensive--costing over \$500 a month for the four children.

Students have priority over staff in the use of LCC related day care centers, and since there is usually a waiting list of over 50, Vail's children are not eligible for LCC campus day care.

Betty moved to the university area to enable her to enroll the two younger children in the University Day Care Center and permit the older two to go the University Day Care Center's after school program at the end of their regular school day. A live-in baby-sitter also works but cares for the children during the evening hours three of four nights a week while Betty pursues her counseling efforts.

A year ago the children all had chicken pox. None of them got it at the same time. There was a period of two months when there was someone home in the beginning stages of chicken pox. "And it was very expensive to provide for their care," she said.

Betty believes that the age at which a child is responsible to be left unsupervised depends upon the individual child, that he/she should be supervised until he has demonstrated that he can be responsible on his own. . . "to make good decisions that are in the best interest of not only themselves but others."

She is always talking to people about how they manage their children--what kind of care they have. It is a matter of finding out what the resources are--exploring the options. "It's pretty common consensus that it's very difficult to find people in a private setting, who are very responsible, reliable and also know how to manage children. . . not to just stare at them all day, but actually work with them," she said.

Knowing what the options are is the first step towards a solution--of being able to provide adequate care for children.

**The babysitting and childcare are very expensive \$500 a month for the four children.**

An LCC President's Task Force on Campus Child Care Alternatives was appointed last fall in an effort to explore the options--to find out what resources could be made available for LCC student/parents. Judy Dresser, a chairperson of the Task Force, sent a report, dated Jan. 3, 1977, to President Schafer. The Board of Education also received copies.

President Schafer said he didn't consider the report an action item at this time, saying he noted the phrase "preliminary report" and the promise of results from a needs assessment survey which the report states would be available at the end of winter term registration, but which Dr. Schafer has never received.

President Schafer indicated when he gets that report from the Task Force--which includes results of the survey along with some definite recommendations--"We will be glad to take a look at it again."

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# Commentary: The circus has changed



by Cheri Shirts

I spent at least a week reminiscing in anticipation of seeing the Polack Brothers Shrine Circus I knew I was going to see on Saturday. It was fun to let my thoughts randomly drift through the memories of sawdust in my sandals, the aroma of peanuts and elephants, and the barkers trying to lure me into viewing their sideshows.

When I was a kid, the circus came to

town a couple of times a year, and when it did, it was usually on a train, and the arena for the performers was a tent. It seemed like acres and acres of tent. The smell of the striped canvas still lingers somewhere in my memories. I know if I ever smell that smell again, I'll recognize it.

Well, folks, times have changed, indeed. The circus comes to town a couple of times a year--that hasn't changed. I must say,

however, I've never lived anywhere when both circuses show up in the same week as just happened in Eugene.

I went to the circus sponsored by the Eugene-Springfield Shrine Club at MacCourt. I had really looked forward to allowing myself to become a kid for a day and become a part of the fantasy and excitement of the circus. It didn't happen. The magic seemed to be gone. Albeit I'm over 30, I still have an imagination and allow myself to indulge in fantasy occasionally.

As the circus started, there wasn't the big brass band. Instead, a three-piece group was introduced as the "circus band." The "band" amounted to one drummer, an organist, and a mediocre trumpet player who called himself the "bandmaster." Their rendition of the "Star-Spangled Banner" left something to be desired, but fulfilled the partiotic duty of the circus company.

What I expected next was the circus parade, but I should have guessed that with a makeshift band, there would be a makeshift parade. Well, I was wrong. There wasn't a circus parade at all. Instead, some clowns came out and did a very ho-hum deadpan humor routine.

"The Pit" somehow is not aesthetically suited for much, and housing a circus was certainly no exception. The people in the third balcony, if they didn't collapse from heat exhaustion, probably felt as if they were viewing the event from an airplane. I walked up to the third balcony and discovered that those folks were looking down on the tight rope walker--a strange phenomenon in itself.

## What's Ahead:

Second organizational meeting for alternative school happening May 29, at 848 W. 10th at 7 p.m. Glen-688-8628.

Lincoln Community School: Spring celebration, 5:30 p.m. The mighty Willamette Valley Observer softball team will conquer Action High School. "New Games" and music at 7 p.m. 650 W. 12th., 687-3485.

Music Bulletin: For information on tonight's music in Eugene, and concerts coming to the area call 485-1411 FREE.

UO: Dialing the phone number 686-4636 activates a recording that lists all that day's campus events (lectures, plays, movies, etc.) plus their times, locations and costs.

Willamalane Pool Building: Through June 9, women's self-defense, Tues., and Thurs., 9:30-11:30 a.m. Students learn basic self-defense techniques and increase physical fitness and body control. Pre-register at park district office. District, \$8; non-district, \$16. 1276 G Street, Springfield. 746-1669.

Summer Showcase: Eugene Parks and Recreation Cultural Arts Program is taking applications for performers in this summer's entertainment series, scheduled for parks, malls and community centers. Bands, jugglers, magicians, singers, mimes or other acts should contact Vivienne Friendly, 687-5353.

Saturday Market happens every Saturday, rain or shine, and features a variety of times handmade by local craftspeople, delicious food, and free entertainment, planned and impromptu. Corner of 8th and Oak, downtown, Eugene.

Auditions: For the Cole Porter musical "Kiss Me, Kate" will be held at LCC starting May 23, at 7:30 p.m. in the lab theatre. Roles are available for singing and non-singing principals as well as for dance and vocal choruses.

A "Women's Racism Workshop" will be conducted Saturday at 10 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. conducted by Kendra, (of the Jack Rabbit Press) and sponsored by the YWCA and JK Press. Admission free--a donation taken, however. No men invited. Child care provided. Place: St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 166 E. 13th St.

While I was dreaming about the circus, my mind conjured up all kinds of images of hot dogs and cotton candy and snow cones and balloons; and those funny little stuffed animals that are always fastened to a bamboo cane, suspended from an elastic string. Oh yes, and they usually sell three cornered pirate hats and souvenir programs. What kid doesn't like at least some of that "stuff" they peddle at such gatherings?

Admittedly, we all do, including me--until Saturday. I'm a "junk food junkie" and trying to resist cotton candy was beyond my comprehension until I discovered it cost 50 cents for a plastic wrapped blob of calorie laden delicacy.

Then I thought, oh well, snow cones are mostly ice, and less fattening--well, for 50 cents--I didn't gain an ounce. Ice-cream bars were going for the bargain price of 50 cents too. The dolls on the sticks, \$2, please, and not even a thank you. The balloons that go with the circus like cheese with apple pie, went for 75 cents a shot and hundreds of people bought them.

I usually hate television, but it does do justice to the circus. On TV the acts move smoothly without a lag to move equipment or animals.

I know things are never as good as we remember them, but this one didn't even come close. Maybe I'll find a circus someday that does.

The best thing to come out of Saturday's circus was a greater appreciation for my television set and coverage that it allows things like the circus. And when intermission comes, nobody is trying to sell me expensive hot dogs, and cotton candy, or balloons that pop when I get into the car--instead--they try to sell me the car!

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But it is almost too late to have a name concert this term, said McNutt. "Decisions about guest performers include the booking deadline, availability of the performer and space at LCC. And it's hard to compete with the University's schedule of events; they have a huge budget," said McNutt.

"With planning LCC could have come big concerts in addition to the local bands we have now. But we have to get an act we can afford and make a profit on.

"Take Emmy Lou for an example. Since she won a Grammy award last year her price is \$5,000 before it was \$3,500. She wants three trailers for the crew to live in and steak for forty people. She would have been a risk for us because we have to guarantee the \$5,000. There are other groups we could afford," said McNutt.

McNutt wants to see a cut in the number of films on campus. He'd put that money towards concerts. "Movies are the worst for bringing in funds; we haven't made money on them. For example, the movie 'Getting Straight' was attended by 59 people for a charge of fifty cents. For '20,000 Leagues Under the Sea' 18 people showed up; we lost \$150 on that one."

Up until now events have had to be put together month-to-month and have concentrated heavily on local bands, some of which are very good; but there is room for variety, said McNutt.

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## What's Happening

### WHAT'S HAPPENING TODAY:

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UO: Noon Gig: David Meyer, noon, EMU E. Lobby.

Great Oaks School of Health: Being in Motion, 7-10 p.m. First of a three-part series on movement, awareness and change, conducted by Li Jaretki. \$5 per class. Pre-register by calling 1-895-4967. Creswell.

UO: "Pierrot le Fou," 8 p.m. Jean-Luc Godard continues down his bizarre cinematic path. Jean-Paul Belmondo runs off with the babysitter, paints his face blue and indulges in other eccentricities. \$1.25. PLC.

Eugene Library: "The Titan," 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. Film on Michelangelo and his art. Second floor lecture room W. 13th and Olive. FREE.

LCC: Baroque Orchestra Brass Choir Concert 8 p.m. Performing Arts Theatre. FREE.

### WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEKEND:

LCC: Laser Light Show by Shadow Fox with contemporary music by Sagebrush. Performing Arts Theatre, 8 p.m. \$2 at the door. Friday.

LCC: ASLCC presents SPIRA, a company of dancers performing their interpretations of "The Planets" by Gustaf Holst. Saturday, 8 p.m. Performing Arts Theatre, Tickets \$1.50 with ASLCC card, \$2 without.

LCC: The LCC Taikwon-do club will present the Fifth Cascade Open Karate Tournament on May 28. Eliminations 11 a.m.,

Finals, 7 p.m. Non-contact competition and full-contact exhibition. Kevin McCormick, 345-5525 or 345-3292.

CCPA(WOW Hall, 8th and Lincoln): Senior Citizens Dance, Polka Pipers Dance band. FREE to all seniors, 8 p.m.

Media Circus: Music, video, movies, slides, popcorn, peanuts, light show, 8 p.m. \$1.50.

### For Barhoppers:

Black Forest: Whiskey Creek String Band (bluegrass). \$1 cover.

Brian's: Dave Nelson (guitar) no cover.

Duffy's: Fox and Weasel \$1 cover.

Eugene Hotel: Sonny King Jazz Quartet (jazz) no cover.

Feed Mill: Listen (jazz) no cover.

Pearl St. Station: John Jarvie (classical guitar during dining)

Back Door: Schwabke Bros. (blues/rock) cover \$1.50 single, \$2.50 couple.

Black Angus: Bluejay (light rock).

International: Captain Midnight (popular).

Murphy and Me: Crayhaws with Albert Collins (blues/rock).

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# Johnson wins decathlon title

## Men nab sixth in nationals for best finish ever

BY JOHN HEALY, Sports Writer

Joel Johnson's victory in the decathlon propelled the men's track team to a school-record sixth place finish at the National Junior College Athletic Association track and field championship meet last week in Pasadena, Texas.

The Titans based their best ever finish at the nationals on Johnson's decathlon victory, Andrew Banks' third in the 100 meters, a fourth by Glenn Owen in the steeplechase and a pair of sixth place finishes by Jim Pitts in the shotput and Charlie Keeran in the discus.

Johnson, a sophomore, was in third place after the first five events, 161 points behind the leader. However, strong performances in the 110 meter high hurdles and the pole vault, plus a personal record by eight feet in the discus, vaulted Johnson into the point lead going into the final event, the 1500 meters.

### Johnson Comes Back

"Joel couldn't lose by more than two and

a half seconds to Carl Johanson of New Mexico JC, who was the only competitor with a chance to beat Joel for the decathlon title," said coach Al Tarpenning. "Joel outkicked Johanson to win the 1500 meters by three seconds, and assure himself of a national title."

Banks, easily the top sprinter in Pacific Northwest junior college ranks, tied the NJCAA 100 meter dash record in a semi-final race, clocking 10.36.

Unfortunately, in the final Banks had to face the sprinter who owned the other half of the 100 meter record, and Banks finished third.

Said Tarpenning, "There were a lot of class sprinters in the final, but Andrew showed that he can compete with the best."

The Titan's sprint ace ran eight races over a three day period, as he was also entered in the 200 meters Banks made the final in the 200, but failed to finish in the top six.

### Banks, Persons Qualify

"We were the only school with two runners in the final of the 100 meters," said Tarpenning, referring to Persons and Banks.

Glenn Owen's fourth in the grueling steeplechase set a new school record of 9:06.1 and according to Tarpenning, Owen may have challenged for first if he hadn't fallen going over the next-to-last water jump.

"Glenn just didn't have enough of a kick to catch the leaders after he fell into the water jump pit," said Tarpenning.

### Pitts Takes Sixth

Shotputter Jim Pitts had a bit more luck. Going into the final round of throws Pitts was eighth, but he uncorked a final throw of 51-1 3/4 to grab sixth.

Charlie Keeran didn't fare quite as well as he slipped from fifth to sixth in the final round. He did have a good throw near the end of the round which would have moved him up a few notches, but Keeran barely scratched, according to Tarpenning.

Two Titans barely missed scoring with Ken Martin taking a seventh in the 5,000 meters and Bobby Persons running eighth in the 100 meter final.

Also competing for Lane at the NJCAA championships were Rich Harter in the 5,000 meters, Mike McGriff at the 10,000 meters and Chuck Casin-Cross in both the 100 and 200 meters.



JOEL JOHNSON eclipsed the school record while winning the decathlon in the national championship meet last week in Pasadena, Texas. (Photo by Steve Thompson)

## Campus Round-up

# Tarpenning tapped by track association

AL TARPENNING, veteran Lane track coach, was elected secretary-treasurer of the National Junior College Track and Field Coaches Association during National championship meet last week.

CLACKAMAS HAS won the Oregon Community College Athletic Association All-Sports Trophy, based on final standings in men's sports only, for the current academic year. Lane was third in the tabulation.

Clackamas, in earning the award for the third year in a row, claimed only one team title, in wrestling. However, they picked up seconds in cross country and track, thirds in golf and tennis, a fourth in baseball and took sixth in basketball. They tallied 77 points in the competition. Central Oregon followed with 73.

Lane, with championships in cross country and track, totalled 65. They lost 17 points on Clackamas in the race by not competing in tennis and golf. Had Lane's 10-4 tennis team competed in the OCCAA and finished highly, they may have picked up enough point to edge out Clackamas.

First place teams in each sport received points based on two times the number of colleges participating in the championship. Other teams received lower point totals, descending in order by twos.

Following Lane was Umpqua 54, Linn-Benton 47, Blue Mountain 41, Chemeketa 38, Southwest Oregon 32, Concordia 20 and Judson Baptist 17.

KEVIN MCCARTHY, Lane's sole basketball all-star this year, has decided to try-out as a walk-on at Oregon State next year, according to Lane coach Dale Bates. The 6-2 sophomore will not receive scholarship aid. Mike Haberly, a sophomore reserve this past season, will try-out for the Oregon College of Education squad.

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# SPORTS

## Umpqua wins regional playoffs, Five Titans named to all-stars

UMPQUA DOWNED Linn-Benton, 8-5, in the championship game of the Region 18 tournament in Roseburg Friday. Brothers Pat and Jerry Reedy combined to toss the win. With the league and regional championships behind them, Umpqua now will compete in the National playoffs in Grand Junction, Colorado, starting Saturday.

LANE PLACED five players on the Oregon Community College Athletic Association all-star baseball team. Pitcher Steve Upward, catch Rick Edgar, second baseman Mark Piesker, outfielder Randy Guimond and designated hitter Gary Weyant garnered the honors. Upward and Guimond are sophomores while Edgar, Piesker and Weyant will return next year. Linn-Benton tied Lane by landing five players on the squad, while league champion Umpqua boasts four all-stars.

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CATCHER-Rick Edgar, Fr., Lane, .372. FIRST BASE-Dennis Philips, So., Umpqua, .337, and Kelly Davidson, So., Linn-Benton, .311. SECOND BASE-Mark

Piesker, Fr., Lane, .376. THIRD BASE-Mickey Wilson, So., Clackamas, .444. SHORTSTOP-Jeff Boyd, So., Linn-Benton, .380. OUTFIELDERS-Matt Stillwell, Fr., Linn-Benton, .406; Randy Melton, So., Linn-Benton, .341; Robin Robinson, So., Umpqua, .272; Randy Guimond, So., Lane, .216. UTILITY- Rick Jones, So., Clackamas, .372. PITCHERS-Jeff Hanslovan, Fr., Linn-Benton, 9-1, 1.53; Brad Patterson, Fr., Umpqua, 5-1, 1.08; Jerry Reedy, Fr., Umpqua, 8-1, 1.41; Steve Upward, So., Lane, 7-2, 1.66. DESIGNATED HITTER-Gary Weyant, Fr., Lane, .356.

## Women fare poorly

The women's tennis team fared poorly at the Northwest Collegiate Women's Sports Association championships last weekend in Oregon City. After winning the Southern Area title the previous weekend, they failed to place any netters in championship competition. Gail Rogers and Georgia Shaw, both in consolation action, were the only Titans to advance past the Friday competition. Neither player placed.

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## Doc Talk:

# Cotton swabs may impair hearing

BY THE STAFF OF STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES

What is the most dangerous cause of hearing loss? The COTTON TIPPED SWAB! This dangerous instrument can be found in most bathroom medicine chests. The most common injury this self-administered probe causes is puncture of the eardrum and/or fracture or dislocation of the little bones in the middle ear (the ossicles or stapes). Surgery within 24 hours after the injury may be necessary to prevent serious loss of hearing. The danger signals are loss of hearing and dizziness. Other ear proves that commonly cause damage are rat-tailed combs, bobby pins, paper clips, plastic forks, sticks, and

paint brush bristles or handles. The motto of the well-intentioned self-ear probers should be "Don't put anything in your ear that is smaller than your elbow!"

Another cause of hearing loss is Noise Pollution. Work or learning activities can bring us into an environment with greater noise levels than the ear can tolerate. . .air frame technology, the body and tender shop even the dishwashing area of a food service can present problems. Constant or repeated exposure can do permanent damage to the nerves connected to your ears. When good teachers say to wear ear plugs or ear muffs, the reason is sound. . .to save you from hearing loss.

Studies have shown a loss in

hearing can be demonstrated in persons who expose themselves frequently to high-intensity rock music, stereo, etc. So pleasure-seeking can also contribute to hearing losses if done unwisely. You can still enjoy the music, even if you do turn it down a bit.

"Swimmer" or "Summer" ears can give all sorts of problems. Frequently they are caused by swimming in pools, or lots of underwater swimming. An infection of the ear can result. This can be treated medically. Prevention is based upon less exposure of the ears to the water. Ear plugs can be worn if you have to be in the water alot. But do get prompt attention from a doctor--it can be painful and persistent if not treated properly.

## The lonely minority

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Only 75 persons responded to the initial survey, and plans are under way through the Women's Awareness Center to distribute another questionnaire which will be more representative of the student body. Instructors are being asked to circulate the questionnaires through the LCC classes.

Questionnaires which would be at least a partial answer to the child care needs of student/parents were distributed during spring term registration through Institutional Research and Planning. About 4,000 responses were received. However, Bob Blucher said it will take between one or two months yet to tabulate the results.

The task force prioritized two areas as important for development: an infant-toddler program and the expansion of the existing preschool day care program.

Judy Dresser, chairperson of both the Task Force and the Home Economics department, said the final report of the Task Force will probably contain a recommendation that the report be referred to the Home Economics department for consideration and possible implementation.

Several attempts have already been

made to provide care for children during evening classes. The Task Force indicated this attempt has always failed, "probably because of lack of sufficient student interest and need or lack of adequate publicity."

But neither has a baby-sitting exchange program, to operate from the Women's Center, been successful.

Colleen Bradshaw was one of the LCC students who traveled to Salem last week to support House Bill 2459 which would appropriate \$3,650,000 from the General Fund to Children's Services Division for payments to student/parents attending insitutions of post secondary education.

Colleen testified before the Joint Ways and Means Committee, Subcommittee Number Four, and said the testimony from around the state was overwhelmingly in support of the bill. She feels that the problem is better understood as a result of the hearing. "Representative Katz is now more in tune to the fact that child care stops people from going to school and learning to care for themselves," she said.

"But," according to Colleen, "the general consensus is that this bill won't pass this time." It is extremely difficult to get a bill with that kind of

price tag through the Legislature the first year.

In the meantime, who knows how many kids are out there and if their needs are being met? No one. So, look around. Who's raising your neighbor's kids: Are the parents? A growing number of parents are unwilling or unable to accept full responsibility for the care of the children to whom they gave birth. Is Society? Some tax-payers don't see that as their responsibility. Maybe no one is raising your neighbor's kids.

Proposed state legislation for expansion of day care for children and student/parents at community college and state institutions of higher education is not apt to pass this year. The LCC President's Task Force on Alternate Campus Care is bogged down waiting for a needs assessment report. There is no assurance that costly expansion of campus day care facilities can or will be funded.

Community development funds have been allocated to develop latchkey programs in three Eugene area schools. But none where Katie lives. And Katie continues to lock herself inside a quiet, lonely house and wait for her mother to return.

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Voting for the Associated Student officers at LCC will continue until 8 p.m. today. Three presidential tickets are contending. Photo by Steve Thompson

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