

Students will begin producing TV shows

by Rick Dunaven

Starting Monday, April 3, LCC students in the Mass Communication Department will produce two 15-minute programs daily, beginning at 2:30 on KOZY cable channel 11.

The first program, called "Cabbages and Kings," will be a showcase of work of the TV production students. This program will be video-taped here at LCC and sent to Teleprompter for broadcasting.

Michael Hopkinson, head of the Mass Communication TV Production Department said, "Cabbages and Kings," will be "a magazine type of program, like '60 Minutes,' but without any hard news." It will consist, Hopkinson said, of student assignments and interviews of students about their work.

The second 15 minute program will be a "live" news broadcast from LCC, produced by the News and Public Affairs class.

Chris Morrelli, the Public Affairs instructor, said these programs will give students in both the TV Production and News and Public Affairs classes an opportunity to gain practical experience in the production of television programming on a daily basis.

The first year TV production students will operate the cameras, audio equipment and lighting. The second year students will be directing the programs. The News and Public Affairs students will gather, write and present the newscast.

To help balance budget

Board ok's tuition increase

by Sally Oljar

In a move to help the college reduce its projected \$1.2 million 1978-1979 budget deficit, the LCC Board of Education voted on March 8 to increase tuition.

Tuition for full time students beginning Fall Term 1978 will be increased from \$130.80 to \$132. But the greatest increase will be levied on part-time students, says Dean of Students Jack Carter: Tuition will increase from 10.50 per credit hour to \$12. Community Education classes will cost \$16 per class, which is a one dollar increase.

Carter said that students who receive federal Basic Equal Opportunity Grant funds will receive more money to offset the increase. The new figures do not include other mandatory fees paid at registration.

The increase is expected to generate approximately \$120,000 in revenue for the college, says Tony Birch, dean of business operations. But how to balance the remaining deficit still needs an answer from Board members.

The Board has several choices it can make:

Increasing the tax base: The college may increase the present \$4.9 million tax base by submitting a new figure to county voters. If the voters approve the amount requested the county assessor will divide the figure by the assessed true cash value of all property in the LCC district. From this figure a tax rate is computed and collected from individual property owners and businesses. At the

present time, the tax rate is \$1.35 for each \$1,000 assessed property value owned by Lane County landowners. This means, for example, an owner of property assessed at \$20,000 would pay \$27 tax for LCC operation.

If the Board asks the voters to approve a new tax base the decision to do so and the amount to be requested must be decided on April 5 if the request is to be included on the May 23 ballot, Birch says. His office is working on a tax base figure to submit to the Board for consideration.

Exceeding the six percent limitation: By law the tax base increase automatically each year by six per cent to account for inflation. The college may ask for voter approval to exceed this limit for a **set dollar amount, called a serial fixed amount.** "The funds must be specified for certain purposes and the life of the levy is limited to three years for support of operations," according to material prepared for the Board by Birch.

Staying within the current tax base: The college could make no request for increased tax monies, but instead operate under the current \$4.9 million base for the next fiscal year.

President Eldon Schafer told the Board on March 8 that "We must find ways to reduce expenditures (and) save dollars wherever possible." He has requested that each department chairperson submit budgets from their respective departments with an indication of where cuts may be made. In addition, departments must have his approval before hiring any new staff.

"If there is a reduction in force (personnel), I hope it is as proportionate in administration as it is in faculty," said Board member Larry Perry.

Schafer is reluctant to go to the voters with a \$1.2 million request for funding and said he is "committed" to reducing the deficit below the million dollar mark.

At the same meeting, the KLCC Advisory

Board requested clarification from the Board on its role in the radio station's affairs. Mass Communication Department Chairman Jim Dunne's appointment as acting station manager following Tim McCartney resignation prompted the request for a definition of the Advisory Board's "leadership" role, said Advisory Board Chairman Jim Williams.

Williams said the Advisory Board has "strong objections" to Dunne's appointment. He said it is a "contradiction" to the Board of Education's policy of separation and "autonomy" for KLCC from the Mass Communication Department.

But Board of Education members refused to rescind Dunne's appointment upon the Advisory Board's request. Nor would individual Board members allow themselves to be polled on the appropriateness of Dunne's appointment. Board of Education member Edward Cooper told the Advisory Board it was inappropriate to "challenge" President Eldon Schafer's decision to appoint Dunne.

"I will have nothing to do with that motion but to say that Mr. Dunne is far the best person available," added Board member James Pitney.

All the Board of Education members agreed that the station should remain outside of the Mass Communication Department, an opinion that Dunne also supports. He said that Dean of Instruction and KLCC General Manager Gerald Rasmussen "made the point that the station not return to the (Mass Communication) department. That's very clear to me."

The Advisory Board members all felt they should have been asked for their input before Dunne was appointed. Williams said the Advisory Board asked Rasmussen to "delay" his recommendation of an acting station manager until he had received the Advisory Board's input.

Award winning poets to present their work at LCC in April

by Rick Dunaven

The Willamette Writers Guild, an association of writers and writing instructors from seven colleges in the Willamette Valley area, is sponsoring a three-week residency next month for five distinguished American poets.

The program -- called Poetry and People: Art in the Community -- will consist of a noon-hour public reading by each poet, on five days between April 9 to 29 in the LCC Performing Arts Theatre. Each poet will also appear, on his/her respective date, at the Erb Memorial Union on the U of O campus, at 8 p.m.

A one dollar admission will be charged for all readings. The admission is free for any students taking a Literature class at either the U of O or LCC, with a note from the instructor.

• The first poetry reading, scheduled for Tuesday, April 11, will be by Robert Creeley. Creeley founded and edits the Black Mountain Review. He has published 17 books of poems, a collection of short stories, and a novel.

• Scheduled for Tuesday, April 18, is John Ashbery, who was recently awarded the Pulitzer Prize for his book, "Self Portrait in a Convex Mirror." His most recent book is entitled "Household Days."

• On Tuesday, April 25, Carolyn Kizer will read and discuss her poems. Kizer was the founder, and for several years the editor of Poetry Northwest. She was also a literary consultant for the National Council on the Arts.

• Robert Duncan will appear on Thursday, April 27. Duncan has received numerous awards for poetry including the Harriet Memorial Prize, the Levinson Prize, and a Guggenheim Fellowship. Carolyn Kizer will also appear with Duncan for an evening class at the University of Oregon.

• W.S. Merwin, awarded the Pulitzer Prize for his book of poems, entitled "The Carrier of Ladders," won't appear at LCC, but is scheduled for an 8 p.m. reading and workshop at the U of O. Merwin is also scheduled for an autograph party, from 4 to 5 p.m., at the Book and Tea Shop, 1646 East 19th in Eugene.

• On Saturday, April 29, these five poets will be joined by two of Oregon's accomplished poets, William Stafford and Anthony Astroff in a program to mark the culmination of these readings. The program, called the "Festival of the Arts," will be held in the Albany Armory.

Persons needing information may call Heather McDonnell, coordinator for the Willamette Writers Guild, at Lane Community College, extension 339.



Bret Malmquist has the answer for people who want the thrill of slalom skiing without the cold, wet snow. At the cost of one dollar for the ski [it had a hole in it] and some old skateboard parts, he was able to fashion this "Ski-board" which combines the thrill of downhill skiing, skateboarding, and water skiing. Photo by Jeff Patterson

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Nuclear power is not worth the risk of destroying the planet, says LCC student

To the Editor:

I've been stewing over your editorial of Feb. 23 for two weeks now, and I guess I'm not going to simmer down until I've had my say.

Benjamin Hooks' labeling of conservationists as "racist" (as though the concepts were even related) shows him to be the wrong man to head the NAACP. Your commendation of his stand shows your usual judgement on this matter. And as for calling any stand for Nuclear Power "pro-life" -- really, now!

Even the AEC claimed that the failure of an ordinary atomic plant could kill 45,000 people. They also claimed it could render an area the size of Pennsylvania uninhabitable. We have 55 such reactors, 63 are under construction, and 117 more are in the planning stages. The implications are obvious. But wait! These are just the old style reactors. The new "Fast Breeder" is even deadlier.

The fast breeder will have, toward the end of its fueling cycle, about a ton of Plutonium in its core. Even if it weren't highly radioactive, Plutonium is so toxic that a pound or two, finely divided and spread through the atmosphere, could kill every person on earth. And the most likely kind of accident would do just that.

Called a LOCA, or Loss Of Collant Accident, this is what could occur any time a reactor loses or overheats its primary coolant. A fracture of the reactor vessel, a

leak in a pipe, a poor weld -- they found a number of unsatisfactory welds at Trojan after the final inspection -- any such cause could initiate a LOCA. First the reactor vessel melts, then the floor and building around it, and then the mass of fissioning material melts down into the earth itself. This mess is called the "China Syndrome" because it heads straight for the center of the earth. Scientists haven't the foggiest idea how to stop a melt-down, so presumably it would continue until it ran out of fuel -- years. Meanwhile, this white hot mass would be spewing tons of vaporized, radioactive debris into the atmosphere. Among this deadly vapor there would certainly be plenty of Plutonium.

I've read that the first attempt at a fast breeder suffered just such a meltdown. Fortunately, it was too small to initiate a "China Syndrome," but it had to be abandoned and sealed up.

The AEC and later ERDA have always claimed that a nuclear explosion in a reactor was nigh impossible. They should've told the Russians, who blew up their first attempt at a fast breeder in 1974.

I have two more arguments against the fast breeder. First, Plutonium is the easiest material to make fission bombs out of. The 2000 breeders that ERDA wants by the year 2020 would produce thousands of tons of plutonium a year. ERDA recently announced it had "misplaced" a batch of fissionables, and they indicate the stuff was probably stolen. It's a sucker bet, then, that

terrorists will soon have fission bombs: I designed one in the sixth grade, and though crude, it would've worked. It's literally child's play.

Finally, and perhaps most crucial, what do we do with the waste? We're talking about hundreds of thousands of tons a year of "hot" (both radiation and thermal heat) useless garbage that'll have to be babysat with infinite care for at least a half-million years! If the storage vessels aren't kept water-cooled, they melt! Now think about it. This storage period is about fifty times recorded history. That's a hell of an installment period for a little electricity!

ERDA's projected odds make an accident or accidents virtually certain. It's not a matter of if, but when. What are you going to tell the people of Saint Helens and Longview-Kelso when it's their turn? "We're sorry, but Reynolds Aluminum needed the juice?"

Yes, we need energy. We do not need to continue our present wasteful way of life, our glass, plastic, gas guzzling, high-powered lifestyle, (6 per cent of the world's people consuming 60 per cent of its resources!). But we do need more energy. But if we tighten our belts just a bit, quit throwing away most of what we consume, and quit wasting fuel just because we can "afford to" financially, we'll make it for another 20 years or so. In 20 years, science tells us, we will have learned to harness the sun or hydrogen fusion. Surely we can last another 20 years without taking a terrible chance on destroying our precious, fragile planet.

Most sincerely,
John O'Renck

In praise of button sales

To the Editor:

The recent sale of Easter Buttons in the Food Services was very successful. Even the large buttons that the cashiers wore were sold and the final results was \$54.00 for the Easter Seal Association to combat crippling diseases among children and adults.

Mr. Paul Crocker, representative of the Association and the Student Activities Office wish to thank all the students and staff members who participated in this activity to make it so successful. Special thanks go to Bob Tegge, Food Services Manager, and the staff members who did the extra work for such a worthwhile cause.

Evelyn Tennis
Student Activities

KATR adds westerns to radio format

Paul Larson, program director of Eugene country-western station KATR 1320AM, announced that the station will add western radio drama to its progressive country format. KATR believes it is the first radio station in the northwest to offer the combination of country-western music and western radio drama.

The "KATR Western Radio Theatre" will air every Monday through Thursday at 6:30 p.m. Larson said that "KATR will restrict the radio theatre to "westerns" to achieve compatibility with the station's western music format. The programs to be offered initially are "The Lone Ranger" for younger listeners and old time radio buffs, and "Gun Smoke" for people interested in serious radio drama.

The station also intends to explore the possibility of locally produced radio drama using the talent of area performers. Larson said, "We're trying to offer Eugene-Springfield listeners some significant radio alternatives and we feel radio drama represents such an alternative." The first program will air Monday, April 3rd.

LCC counselor go-between for businesses and women

Businesses feeling affirmative action pressure to hire women have a new ally in Leslie Rasor, 34, of Springfield. She has been hired by Lane Community College to find out what skills employers are seeking and how the college can best set up appropriate training programs.

Rasor started her search this week as a result of a vocational training grant from the State Department of Education. Firms which wish to contact her may call 747-4501, extension 350 or 373.

Rasor had 8 years experience in traditional women's jobs (teacher, counselor, clerk, maid) before earning a masters degree in counseling at the University of Oregon. She studied non-traditional vocational education for both women and men and subsequently acquired hands-on familiarity in most of the industrial skilled trades through LCC.

Along with her data gathering, she is teaching Industrial Orientation, a class designed to allow women and men to acquaint themselves with skills requirements in the trades, and serving as associate coordinator of women's programs.

Therapy positions open

Applications for next September's respiratory therapy program at Lane Community College will be accepted through June 16.

Health Occupations Department Head Douglas White said he postponed the deadline to accommodate prospective students. He will admit 16 persons to the two-year program, which requires applicants to have taken high school algebra and chemistry before admission.

White said graduates can expect to find job openings in the state at starting salaries comparable to those of nurses.

Prisoner seeks correspondence

To the Editor:

I am a resident of the London Correctional Institution located in London, Ohio. For the past three years I have been locked away from the smiles and laughter of life. The steel tight jaws of incarceration can be a lonely and frustrating experience, especially when one has lost relevant and real contact with the outside world. When one receives no mail, no visits and their family turns their backs on them, prison life can be quite dismal at best.

I am a 25 year old Librarian male, ambitious, intelligent and would be profoundly interested in relating with serious minded people who would not mind radiating warmth and sunshine into my dark cold world.

Sincerely Yours,
George Samuels
Box 69, 144 943
London, Ohio 43140

Vet's club needs members

To the Editor:

This letter is directed to LCC veterans. Have you been through times of financial burden because your VA check failed to arrive at the time expected? This and other dilemmas can often be avoided by being aware of regulatory policies of the Veterans Administration.

A veterans club, to be called "The Vets Club of Lane Community College," will be reforming this term. The representation of veterans' interests, in both the college environment and pending federal and state legislation, will be only a few of the many topics of the monthly meetings.

If you wish to be heard, instead of herded, please attend the first meeting to be held on April 4 at 7 p.m. in room 420, Center Building.

Sincerely,
Ronald M. Schurman

Hendrickson for Board seat

To the Editor:

LCC students can do themselves a favor by voting for Leslie Hendrickson on April 4 for the LCC Board of Education. If he is elected, we'll have someone on the Board who will be sympathetic when it comes to decisions on the amount of tuition we have to pay and what classes are offered. He's an intelligent person who will be fair to students, faculty, and staff alike.

Vote for Leslie Hendrickson for the LCC Board on April 4.

Sincerely,
Curt Best
LCC Student

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'Indulgences' should please playwright

Play Review by Janice Brown

On April 1, playwright John Orlock will be in Eugene to view the West Coast premiere of his play "Indulgences in the Louisville Harem," currently performed by the Oregon Repertory Theatre.

Orlock should be pleased with what he sees. ORT's production is enchanting to look at. The play itself without such fine staging and performances wouldn't be enchanting.

"Indulgences" is the story of two sisters, Florence, played by Jane Van Boskirk, and Viola, played by Jane Stevens-Jones. Caught up in the rigors of Victorian morality during the first years of this century, the thirtyish ladies are both unmarried. Together, the sisters live out a frustrating existence that doesn't show much promise for a reprieve or another chance at finding marital bliss.

In the beginning of the play Florence and Viola discuss their illnesses, their bad dreams, and their past. Florence takes stock of their situation and concludes that they "have their health." A clock ticks ominously in the background. The ladies are waiting for death. Florence says to the audience, "I should have gone to be a missionary in China, but Uncle said I'd die there. I'll die here, all through the night."

The pace of the play's beginning is not slow, but the continuous ticking of the clock and the morbid dialogue simulates the feeling of the vapid emptiness of those who have nothing to do but wait endlessly for death to free them of anxiety and boredom.

The only relief from this somber mood is the vivacity interjected into the character Viola through Stevens-Jones' energetic portrayal. But her vivaciousness is fleeting, only appearing sporadically, like a puppet playing peek-a-boo.

The fates of the ladies take a sharp turn when Viola comes across a mail order catalogue, "Miss White's Book of Eligible Gentlemen."

Two gentlemen respond to a letter that the sisters write to Miss White: Amos Robillet, played by Bill Geisslinger, and Winfield Davis, played by Michael Cadigan are the gentlemen received by the sisters in their parlor, where the entire play is set. The play achieves a comic face-lift with the appearance of Geisslinger and Cadigan.

Winfield is an assistant to Professor Robillet who claims to be a "mesmerist." The con-artist antics of the two men liven the spirits of the ladies, as well as the spirit of the

play.

The men quickly win their hearts and propose marriage. But just before the nuptial celebration Robillet's and Davis' credibility is brought into question. The sisters find an article in an old newspaper that suggests that Robillet and Davis are apt to breach their marital promises.

Florence is willing to forgive and forget, and goes off with the gentlemen. But Viola cannot: She opts for solitary insanity instead.

Stevens-Jones, Geisslinger, and for the most part Van Boskirk bring life to their characters. Cadigan's role is particularly difficult, because he is also the voice of Robillet: The professor, through unusual circumstances, has lost his ability to speak. So Cadigan really assumes two roles, that of Davis, and the vocal dramatization of Professor Robillet. Cadigan is especially funny when put into a hypnotic state by Professor Robillet. Under the spell, Cadigan becomes a convincing barnyard chicken, clucking and scratching the ground.

Geisslinger's role, a mime, relies on facial expressions and body movements to create a believable Robillet. His costume, a Chaplinesque tux, adds a good touch to the speechless character.

All the costumes were designed and created out of donated fabrics by a competent and imaginative Diane Mundt. Mundt's costumes are fine examples of the dress of the era, and are enhanced by expressive Victorian hairdos, created by David Pratt of Continental Hair in Springfield.

The play is directed by ORT member Bill Ritchie. The staging and sets are well done. Particularly effective is the lighting work of James Robinson, who uses many colored lights to change the tone and mood of the stage--ethereal blues and deep hot reds that reflect the lush decorative Victorian period. The parlor set consists of period pieces donated by local antique dealers.

The visual achievements of the production are impressive, perhaps more than the play itself. Nearing the end, Van Boskirk as Florence, mumbles through a fragmented monologue in which she decides to leave her sister and go off with the men. Orlock's monologue and Boskirk's rendition were difficult to understand.

The concluding scene of the play also lacks absolute clarity. Viola is left alone in the house after discovering her sister has left

with the men. Viola refers only once to the reason: she doesn't think she could "ever look the three (Florence, Robillet and Davis) in the eye again."

Why can't she see them again? Is she too weak, too embarrassed at her reactions to having possibly been duped, too old, too tired, or what?

Perhaps didacticism isn't the way, but the point does need to be brought more clearly into focus.

Performances of "Indulgences" will be presented on April 1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 9 at 8 p.m. Matinee performances will be on April 1 and 8 at 2 p.m. Persons who reserve seats early can save space for themselves in the center section. Tickets are \$4.50 and \$3.50.

ASLCC positions open

Applications for student government positions will be accepted beginning April 3 in the ASLCC offices. Positions are open for: Student body president, vice-president, treasurer, cultural director, and senators.

Applications may be picked up in the ASLCC offices, 204 Center Building, and returned to the ASLCC secretary or vice-president.

Course offers practice in skilled trades

Women and men who would like to explore the skilled trades as career possibilities can get hands-on experience in 8 fields in a spring term Industrial Orientation class at Lane Community College.

The class, which was left out of the published spring term schedule of classes, meets Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from noon to 4 p.m. through the Special Training Programs Department. Participants can earn from one to 10 credits, depending on how much time they have and how many occupations they wish to sample.

Familiarization will be offered in drafting, blueprint reading, woodshop, construction, mechanics, electronics, machine shop and welding.

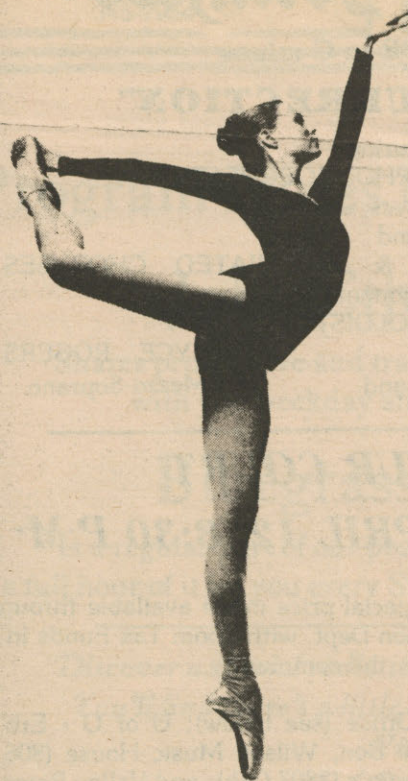
The course starts Monday, March 27, and prospective students can register that day by contacting the Admissions Office. Cost is \$10.90 per credit hour.

Units within the course start every 2 weeks for the convenience of those who want exposure only to selected fields. Those wishing additional information may contact the instructor, Leslie Rasor, at 747-4501, extension 350 or 373.

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BOARD ELECTION AT-LARGE

County residents will vote on Tuesday, April 4, for three LCC Board of Education members from a field of ten "active candidates."
Three candidates are in the race for the At-Large seat; four are contending for the District Three seat (they must reside in the Springfield, Marcola, or McKenzie School Districts); and two are running for the District Five position (and must reside in Eugene). Each registered voter may vote for one candidate for each of the three positions.

The TORCH interviewed nine of the candidates who still consider themselves as "Active" in the election. Richard Freeman, the current At-Large Board member running for re-election declined to arrange for an interview. Although the names Jane Wojcik, Dan Bosch, Jerry Sirois, and Francis Summers will appear on the ballot, for differing reasons the candidates are no longer considering themselves as contestants.

Sally Oljar, TORCH Editor

LEN WASSOM

by John Healy

Len Wassom, a former student body

president (1975-76) at LCC, is one of the candidates running for an At-Large position on the LCC Board of Education.

Wassom feels that the two years he spent at LCC as a student and an ASLCC officer compensates for his lack of political experience.

"I think our outreach program should be expanded," stated Wassom. "Lane County reaches as far as Dexter and Florence, and many people can't make it to LCC for classes."

Wassom believes a series of "mini-campuses" would be a practical solution to alleviate the overcrowded classes at the

present Outreach centers.

"I went down to the outreach center in Florence and they had 35 people in an automotive mechanics class and only five bays for them to work on cars."

The present campus, in Wassom's estimation, is large enough to accommodate present needs of the Eugene-Springfield area, although he thinks the vocational/technical programs should be improved.

"It's important for a community college to realize how the employers of the community need us," explained Wassom. "We need vocational courses geared to our area industry -- courses for millwork, repairing

farm machinery, logging -- we need to plan our educational goals to that end."

Wassom would like to see more vocational courses offered at LCC, but feels that the addition of such courses shouldn't detract from the liberal arts or other programs.

"At the same time, we must maintain an alternative for students that aren't quite ready to attend the University of Oregon."

Wassom supports the recent tuition increases at LCC in principle, but questions the size of the increase.

"I think it was a little too much," said Wassom. "Then again, student tuition pays continued on back cover

LES HENDRICKSON

by Sally Oljar

LCC can "definitely" be more accessible to the community, says At-Large LCC Board candidate Les Hendrickson. He believes that

if LCC makes a greater effort in this direction the college's budget deficit, low enrollment figures, and future tuition increases may not be problems.

Hendrickson is the evaluation specialist for Eugene School District 4J. He has served as the chairperson of the Lane County Health Department Advisory Committee, and on the board of the Lane Group Health Services.

He thinks that LCC should gear its instructional programs toward the projected areas of economic growth in Lane County:

For instance, he supports a closer association between the college and the business community. The purchase of the Downtown Center "is a good acquisition... (to) tap into economic growth." He sees economic growth in such areas as reforestation, fish farming and exploration of non-polluting energy sources. The college's training programs should "tie-in" to these areas.

Hendrickson criticized the college for not making a "vigorous effort" to increase

enrollment. This effort, he says, would help relieve the college of its budget problems. He supports expansion of course offerings for senior citizens as one source of increased enrollment and increased emphasis on the outreach programs.

The \$1.2 million budget deficit that the college may face next year is "one of the hardest questions that whoever is elected to the Board has to deal with," he says. He does not think the voters will approve an increase continued on back cover

WILLIAM WATKINS

by Steve Myers

"Since I've worked out there at LCC I know what the pressures are. I've been in administration for some 25 years and I know what kind of questions to ask and how to get answers," says William Watkins, At-Large candidate for the LCC Board of Education.

Watkins, 54, the manager of a local print

shop, served as the LCC business manager from 1969 until 1973. He feels that this experience makes him a qualified candidate for the LCC Board.

"I've seen too many well-intentioned people get on the board and then ask dumb questions. The administrators then give B.S. answers and the Board members are too nice to get to the real answers. They just say 'thank you' and move on to other less important matters."

Watkins doesn't feel that the projected 1.2 million budget deficit for next year is all that important of an issue. "I don't believe the projected deficit is true. It's a conservative estimate. I can't fault the figure however, (and) you can't be optimistic about things

like that."

Watkins feels the same way about a tuition increase. "The school receives state reimbursements and federal reimbursements also. So what it comes down to is that for every six dollars the local taxpayer pays, the student pays four dollars. I don't think that 60-40 per cent ratio is too bad for the kind of education one can get out at LCC."

Watkins feels that all the programs offered by LCC should be regulated by students and their interests. "The student is the reason for the school. You can't screw around with the student. If the community demands outreach programs it's the school's job to provide them. I do think that more should be done with the senior

citizens."

"I care about what goes on out there", added Watkins "When I worked out at Lane it was the most enjoyable time of my life. It did a hell of a job for my son and I think it's a hell of an important place. I think you've got a good thing going out at LCC and I want it to stay a good place."

Watkins feels that the major problem with LCC and the board is the lack of communication.

"They've done a lousy job of communicating with the public. The only thing you ever read in papers about Lane is bad things. You never here about all the good things that go on out there."

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BOARD ELECTION DISTRICT 3

CATHERINE LAURIS

JOHN HANKS

by Sally Oljar

A further tuition increase, especially in Adult Education, may be necessary to balance the budget, says John Hanks, LCC

by Sarah Jenkins

"The Board has to maintain the balance between the taxpayers who support the college and the students who gain the education," explained Catherine Lauris, chairwoman of the LCC Board of Education. "In order to say to the taxpayers, 'We need to ask you for more money,' we first have to be able to say, 'We have also asked the students for more.'"

Lauris, who has served on the Board since January 1970, recently spoke with the TORCH about her upcoming re-election campaign and the problems LCC will face in the future.

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Board candidate from District Five (Eugene School District).

Hanks is a commercial sales engineer for the Mobile Oil Corporation. He has been active in civic affairs, including the Big Brother Organization and the Selective Service Committee.

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BOARD ELECTION DISTRICT 3

ALAN SCOTT

by Paul Yarnold
Allen Scott Jr., a candidate for the LCC

Board of Education from District Three (Marcola, Springfield and McKenzie), feels that his experience in many areas makes him an ideal choice for the position: He has practiced law in the Eugene/Springfield area for three years, and has put in several years as a student. Before taking up the practice of law he was also a professor of history in Pennsylvania.

The most important item on Scott's priority list is a reevaluation of the vocational programs here at LCC. While he feels that college transfer programs are necessary, he says that more emphasis must be put on vocational and technical courses which allow

a student to acquire a two year degree (or certification) without transferring to a four year institution.

Scott perceives vocational training to be the original intent of Lane County residents in initially approving LCC's construction, and that a return to this policy is the best way of increasing enrollment in the college's credit programs.

He also approves of certain types of outreach programs that increase community interest in outlying parts of the county, he says, acknowledging that many of these people feel detached from LCC and the opportunity it offers them. Senior citizens,

for example, have also been somewhat neglected in terms of outreach programs, according to Scott.

While labelling tuition increases as "inevitable," Scott feels that the rate of increase must be carefully considered so as to meet inflated operating expenses without pricing quality education above the means of the individual student.

Scott feels that he would be the man, "to ask the right questions," and to offer the most workable "compromises," especially in dealing with personnel matters and budgetary problems due to his depth of background in these areas.

RON FARMER

by Steve Myers

Ron Farmer is a 27 year old graduate of LCC and the University of Oregon. He is currently employed by the Lane County District courts. He feels that if he is elected to the LCC Board he could "provide a fresh objective voice . . ."

"I've been in the courtroom for three years now and I think I can be impartial and

objective," he commented.

"I attended Lane for two years before going to Oregon so I think I know the students' needs. I've also taken some vocational classes and some Adult Ed classes since graduation."

Farmer feels that the vocational, Adult Ed, and the Outreach programs are the biggest issues in this election year and the programs could be improved.

"I think the vocational programs could be improved. They are good right now, in

comparison to other community colleges around the state, but I think they could better relate to the two biggest job markets in the city; agriculture and lumber. When you look at the number of classes offered in these vocations you realize that there are not that many."

"In the district I'm running in the majority of the people are blue collar. They want a good adult education program without having to run out to campus every night after work."

-- which combines political experience with educational experience -- qualifies me for a position on the Board."

Curry served on the Board of Education in 1974, appointed to fill the final term vacated by Board member Robert Ackerman.

"I think the college can improve in getting information to potential students living in Lane County," emphasized Curry, "And Board members are a good source of public relations."

Curry is "very big on outreach programs (classes given in outlying towns). I think there are lots of people in Lane County who

could benefit from programs at LCC."

And she says the main emphasis of LCC should be vocational education, "Obviously community colleges are vocational institutions -- that is their primary purpose."

Curry "detests tuition increases" and feels the college needs to look at ways tuition can be held down. "The beauty of a community college has been that it has been accessible to students of lower incomes," explains Curry.

She has been an educator in the Eugene area for the last 30 years, teaching students from elementary to post-secondary levels.

CHARLENE CURRY

by John Healy

Improved "public relations" is a major goal of District Three (Springfield, Marcola, McKenzie School Districts) candidate Charlene Curry.

"I think all post-secondary schools should be doing a better job of public relations," reiterated Curry. "I believe my background

present director of Switchboard, an information referral service, is running for the office because he feels the current board is not as effective as it needs to be. "Students need to have better access to the administrative process," says Wheeler, "I believe that if I am on the board we will have it."

LCC's projected 1.2 million dollar projected deficit for next school year was one of the subjects discussed when the TORCH interviewed Wheeler. He maintains that part of the deficit can be balanced by cutting back on some of the programs the school

offers and by avoiding wasteful expenditures like the President's Dining Room (Renaissance Room Restaurant).

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LAWRENCE WHEELER

by Michael Riley

Lawrence Wheeler, LCC Board candidate for District Three, feels the college should meet community needs, cutback on unnecessary spending, and improve communication between the board and students.

Wheeler, a former LCC student and

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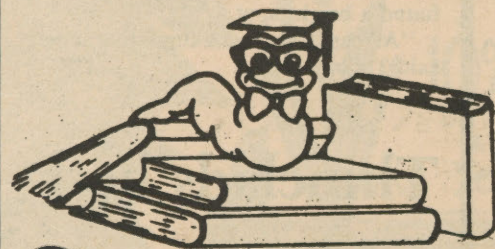
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Women hoopsters finish sixth at regional tourney

by John Healy

The women's basketball team ran into a tough Lower Columbia ballclub and lost 68-51 in the first round of the regional tournament held March 9-11 in Gresham, Oregon.

The loss to Lower Columbia dropped the Titans into the consolation bracket of the tournament, where LCC managed to edge

Mt. Hood 71-66 before losing to conference rival Clark 90-59.

LOWER COLUMBIA 68, LANE 51

"If we had beaten Lower Columbia we would have been in good shape," explained LCC women's coach Sue Thompson. "But we got into foul trouble and a few of our starters had bad games."

While three starting players -- guards Cindy Corkum and Lisa Melevin and Forward Lori Quick -- were fouling out of the game, super-sub Tammy Walker was going zero for two from the field and center DeAnn Baltzer was going through a frustrating night that ended with her scoring only two points.

"We just weren't on form," said Thompson. "DeAnn had trouble getting the ball inside, our outside shooting was off, and we threw the ball away too many times."

Lower Columbia led by seven at the half, 29-22, then gradually pulled away from LCC in the second half.

The Titans had problems with Lower Columbia's two 5-8 starting forwards, as they combined for 39 points and 13 rebounds.

Only Corkum, with 12 points (five of eleven from the field), and reserve forward Gale Rogers, with 11 points, played consistently against Lower Columbia, according to their coach.

In fact, Rogers had "the best tournament of anyone on our team," said Thompson.

LANE 71, MT. HOOD 66

Lane battled Mt. Hood down to the wire this year for second place in the Northwest Conference Women's Sports Association (NCWSA) behind perennial league powerhouse Clark.

The Titans came out on top during the



Cindy Corkum hauls down a rebound. Photo by Jeff Patterson.

regular season and maintained their dominance in post-season play, even if it was in the consolation bracket at the regional tournament.

The Saints jumped to a slim 35-33 halftime lead and then the two teams fought each other to a draw through most of the second half.

It was forward Quick's uncanny accuracy from the charity line that finally assured the Titans of a win.

Quick sank 13 of 17 free throws for the game, hitting 9 of 11 free throws in the last five minutes of the contest.

"Our three sophs led us," said Thompson referring to Corkum, Rogers, and reserve guard Joy Rhoads. "They really came on strong."

Corkum had 13 points and 15 rebounds

before fouling out, Rogers went 5 for 11 from the field to score 11 points, and Rhoads scored 10 points on four of seven field goals and two of three freethrows.

"That game was a lot closer than the score," said Thompson. "We were leading 69-66 at the buzzer when Lori got fouled. She hit both free throws, but it was really a three point ballgame."

CLARK 90, LANE 59

Unfortunately for the Titans, they were forced to ace a fired-up team from Clark in the finals of the consolation bracket.

Clark lost its first game of the tournament, then destroyed Green River 101-65 after leading by a 38-35 margin at the half.

They continued their torrid pace in the first half against Lane, doubling the Titans' score to lead 51-25.

"Clark ran its fastbreak exceptionally well and their outside game was good. We just couldn't keep up with them defensively," offered Thompson.

Center Tami Hickman of Clark scored 20 points (eight of nine from the field) to share scoring honors with teammate Kathy Kernall.

At the other end, Rogers had another strong game, scoring 10 points on a perfect five for five from the field, and Walker broke out of her tournament slump to fire in 16 points on seven of eleven field goals.

However, Melevin fouled out and Baltzer ran into early foul trouble, which was perfect for Clark's fastbreaking offense. Melevin covers the outlet pass on defense and Baltzer's board strength is essential if the Titans are to stop a team that like to fastbreak. Against Clark, the game was all so over once the Titans lost Melevin and Baltzer.

Even amid the gloom of a mediocre 12-11 season and the loss to Clark, Thompson found a bright spot.

"At least Gale had a super tournament," said Thompson.

Thinclads host OCC Relays

The men's and women's track teams will host the Oregon Community College Athletic Assn. (OCCAA) Relays this Saturday at Lane Community College.

The meet is scheduled to get underway at noon and will feature teams from a majority of the community colleges in Oregon.

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Titans cop third at Region 18 tournament

by Steve Myers

Three starters on the men's basketball team suffered from the effects of the flu bug during the Region 18 tournament, March 3-4 at Coeur D'Alene, Idaho.

The Titans opened tournament action against the College of Southern Idaho with starters Roger Bates, Pat Fendall, and Steve Halverson suffering from the flu.

The Titans were destroyed in all phases of the contest as they were soundly beaten by the much larger Idaho team, 65-36.

"Our big men were intimidated by their big men's jumping ability," added Bates. "We missed a lot of inside shots that we should of hit. It was a dissapointing performance by the people who were healthy."

Lane shot a dismal 31 per cent from the field for the game. They could connect on only 13 of 42 shots. No one could manage to score in double figures for the Titans. The Idaho team was a different story. They managed to hit 28 of 59 shots from the field for a 47 per cent average, the bulk of the scoring coming from their two All-Region guards. They combined for 43 points to spark Southern Idaho to the easy victory.

"Curtis Rayford ate Fendall up in the first half. He scored 18 points," recalled Bates. "We put roger on him in the second half, but their other guard (Jerry Williams) took over and scored 15 points."

Bates feels that if his team had been healthy the Titans might have given them a

Titan grapplers fall to defeat at nationals

Dennis Randazzo and Joe McFadden were both eliminated in the first two rounds of the National Junior Collegiate Athletic Assn. wrestling championships in Worthington, Minnesota earlier this month.

Randazzo (126 pounds) won two matches before losing twice, while McFadden (142 pounds) lost this first match and was eliminated in the first round.

better game.

"They were the best team at the tournament, but I think if we were healthy we would have been the second best team there. We also could have given them a much better game."

The loss to Southern Idaho placed Lane in the consolation round of the tournament on March 4 against archrival Central Oregon Community College. Central lost the previous day to Northern Idaho 66-60.

Against Central Oregon, Lane employed the half court pressure defense that had worked so well in the last two meetings

during league play. The defensive strategy worked and the Titans defeated Central for the third consecutive time this season, 85-81. Bill Schaefer and Keith Baltzer compensated for the loss of starters Bates and Fendall. Bates didn't suit up and Fendall played only sparingly. Baltzer and Schaefer combined for 54 points and 20 rebounds.

"It was nice to beat them again," said Bates. "We beat them on a neutral floor and without a full strength squad."

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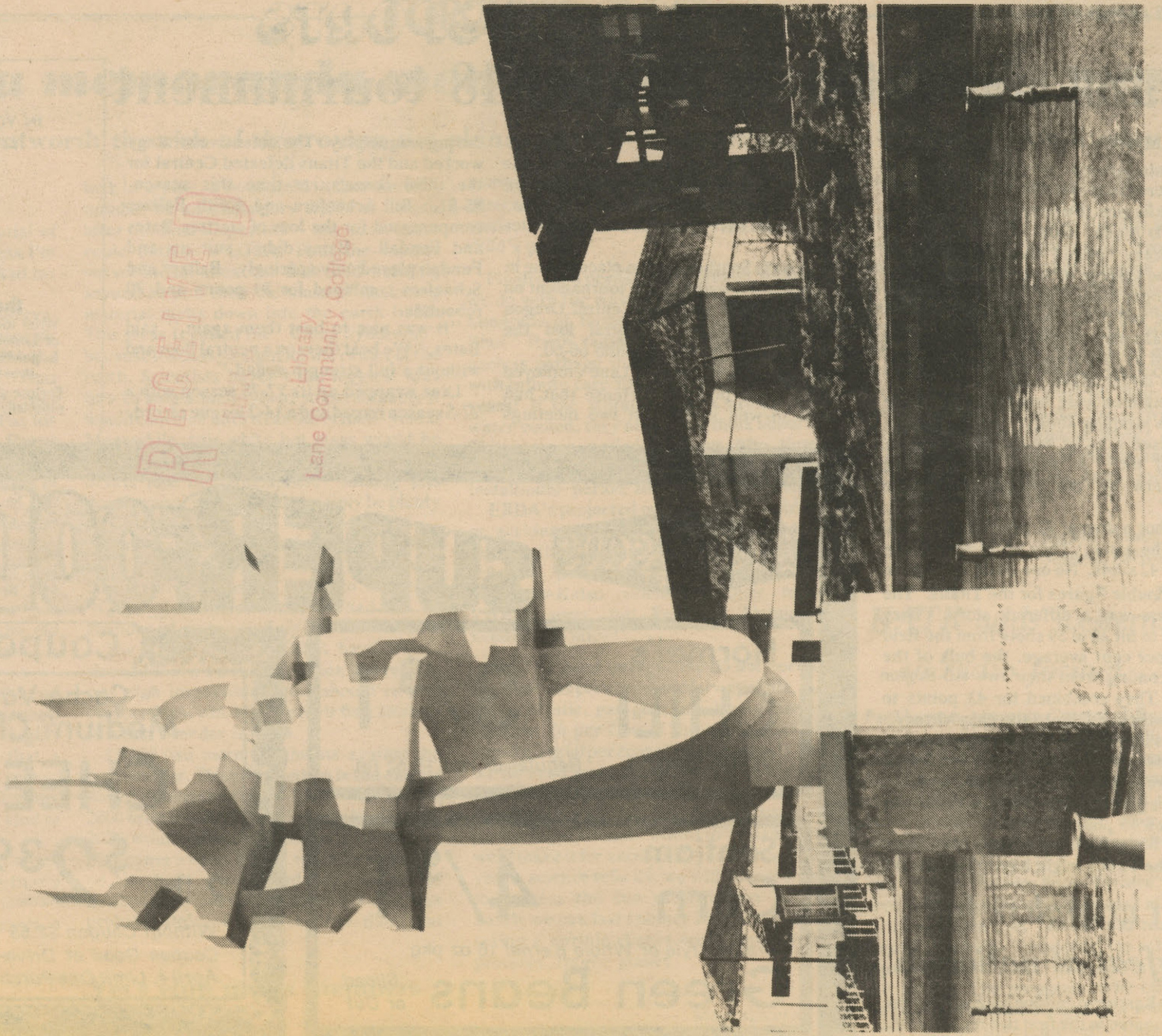
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WASSOM

pays for only 19 per cent of the college's operating budget. I think that's a good deal."

Wassom, born in 1939 in the Eugene area, is married and works for his father's jewelry firm. He attended LCC from 1974-76, serving as senator and student body president.

HENDRICKSON

in the tax base (if the college requests an increase) "unless the college makes a real effort to explain why" an increase is needed, he told the 'torch. There is room for improvement, he thinks, in the way the "community thinks about the college...the college can help in that effort."

He believes there is a relationship between increased enrollment and tuition. "The taxpayers are being squeezed...the college is under more pressure to increase tuition in the future...(so) if enrollment is higher, (the) pressures aren't so great," he said.

LAURIS

millions for 1978-79, Lauris believes that the solution will have to be a combination of actions. "There is no easy answer. We will have to look at every planned expenditure and say, 'Is it really necessary?'" She also expects the Board to ask the voters for an increase in the tax base, which, according to Lauris, "would raise our income for a few years until inflation catches up with it again."

On the Board's recent decision to raise student tuition, effective Fall Term 1978, Lauris explained that she believes it was a "reasonable compromise." She added, "It demonstrated that we expect the

students to help carry the load, and it wasn't a burden more than they can carry."

Another concern Lauris discussed was LCC's accessibility to the general public. "We have to reach out to people and let them know they're welcome (at LCC)," she stated. "Outreach programs, the BUs, and the Downtown Center are all operative parts of the community college." While she believes that the transfer credit and vocational programs are equally important, Lauris stressed that the evening credit program should be expanded. "It needs to be almost as varied and complete as the day time program," she explained, "in order to serve a wider range of students.

"In the future," Lauris concluded, "we will have to do more about our own welfare and livelihood--we should be learning to do those things through the community college."

HANKS

Adult Education classes, he says, would not be inappropriate. "What you get for \$15 (in Adult Education classes) you can't get from anyplace else," he says. He added that a further increase in full-time tuition, from \$132.50 to \$135.00 may also be required to balance the \$1.2 million deficit for next school year.

If the college decides to ask for money from the voters, Hanks believes there should be a request to change the tax base. "This college has such a good reputation..." he explained, "I think the people would support a broader tax base."

LCC should maintain its present level of outreach programs (to outlying districts), he says. "I believe in the outreach programs. The people in those communities paying taxed should get

more." He says the new Downtown Center is "excellent" and he would support more projects like it.

The college can increase its accessibility he thinks, by expanding the Adult Education programs. Special emphasis should be placed on programs directed towards the handicapped and senior citizens because "(they) pay taxes, but don't quite reap the rewards."

He says he is running for the Board because it need "someone...with new, different ideas. I believe there can be stagnation in politics."

WHEELER

Wheeler also feels the college's enrollment could increase by offering "quality education" and programs that the community needs or wants. Wheeler favors holding a survey to find out types of programs the college could offer that would be desired by the community. He adds that, "If outreach education is needed, then LCC should supply it."

Unless the benefits outweigh the added expense, Wheeler does not favor tuition increases. "You have to be careful not to make tuition so expensive that the community loses access." He also feels the present tuition is too high and admits to not being familiar with the financial side of the proposed budget deficit. Wheeler adds that, "In my opinion there were other options that were not adequately looked at."

Wheeler sees the present board as not meeting the needs of the student, "Obviously the students are not being taken care of, they're the ones who get screwed by any policy the board sets down, they're the ones who get it." Wheeler also favors maintaining a link between the students and the activities of the board, a position that he would be willing to participate in.

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