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Sixth incident hits Pauling Center

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A woman was accosted in the Pauling Science Center bathroom last Wednesday, the College's public safety department has announced. This is the sixth in a series of similar reported incidents.

Stan Johnson, chief of public safety, said a woman was accosted but not harmed at 4:15 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 15. As in other reported cases, the woman (who remains unidentified to the

press) entered the women's bathroom in the Pauling Center, building C, alone. An unidentified man followed her, entered an adjoining cubicle, reached under the metal partition and grabbed her leg.

This time, unlike the other reported cases, another student heard the screams from the rest room, saw the culprit leave and chased him into the Barlow Hall parking lot.

The witness said the suspect drove away in a small, blue Ford pick-up with a white

canopy. He was unable to make out the license plate number.

The most recent incident prior to last week, took place on Nov. 1, 1983. The first reported case was in February of last year. Usually, the culprit has hit on Tuesdays. Last week's incident, on a Wednesday and in the afternoon rather than the evening, has constituted a slight change in his method of operating, Johnson said.

The description of the suspect in last week's incident correlated with earlier descriptions, except in height. Wit-

nesses said last week's suspect was approximately 6'1" or 6'2". In the past, he has been described as 5'6" or 5'7".

However, he has always been described as having dark hair and hairy forearms and hands, with a gold wedding band.

Last Wednesday, he was wearing a blue sweatshirt with a hood and blue jeans. The witnesses also said the suspect has a moustache and is between the ages of 30-35.

The public safety department, which is handling the case, is operating under the

assumption that only one person is responsible for the various incidents.

After the happening last term, Johnson said that since no one has been injured or directly threatened with violence, the culprit would probably not be imprisoned if captured. Rather, the charge against him would be harrassment, Johnson said, adding the perpetrator would probably receive professional help rather than a prison sentence.

Johnson encouraged anyone with further information to contact public safety, ext. 302, 303.

Group to operate child care center

The child care center at Clackamas Community College will be operated by the Clackamas County Children's Commission starting spring term. The College previously eliminated the center's funding as part of a \$420,000 reduction of the College's general fund in November.

The child care center will become the third section of the children's commission, a non-profit organization, the other sections being the Head Start program, a pre-school for low-income citizens, and an information referral office for Tektronics, Inc.

"We knew the child care center (at the College) was really well run, and that's why we wanted to take it over after their funding was cut," Tom Klein, executive director of the children's commission, said.

He added that when they considered operating the child center, parents composed a list of concerns which the commission took into consideration.

"We discussed the parents' concerns with the Board (of Educating) when we were negotiating," Klein said. "We

also have two positions on our executive board for parents."

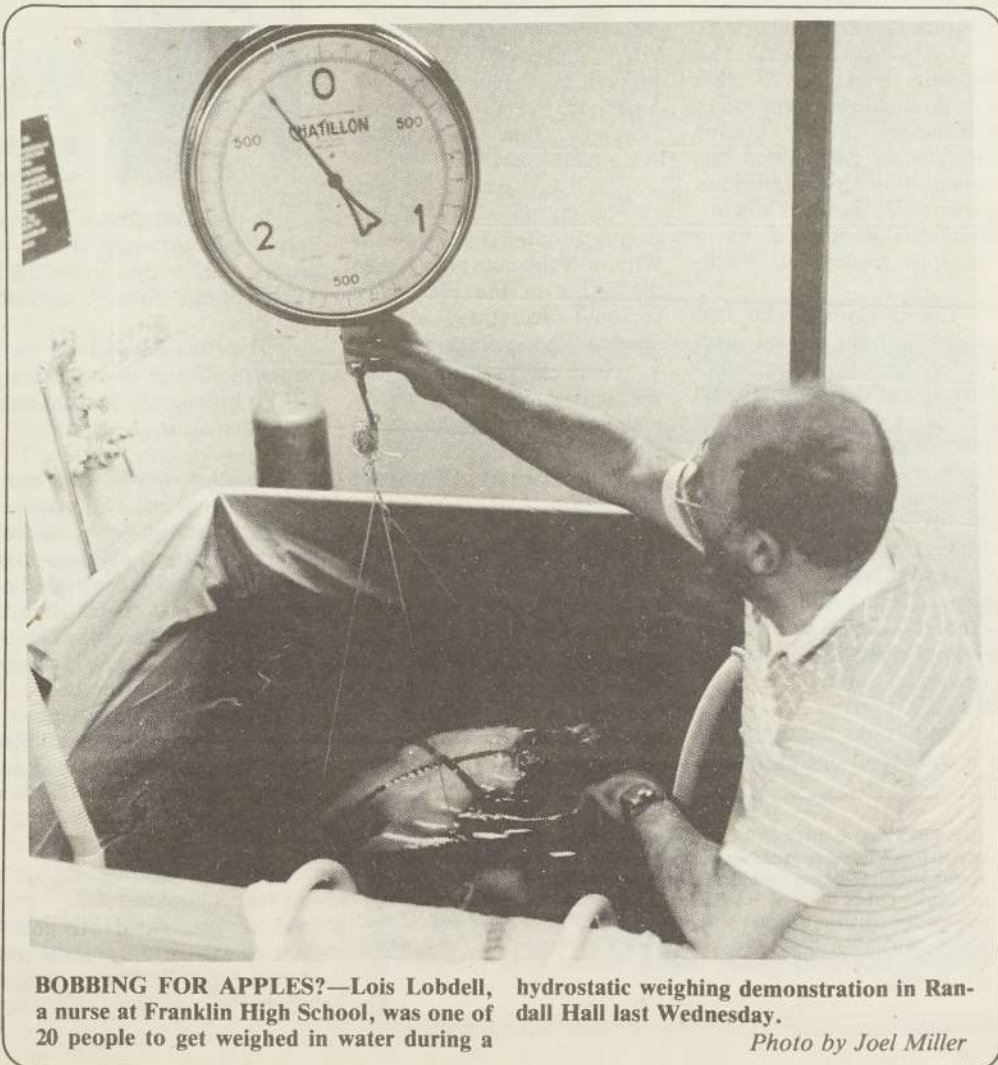
One change the center has made is the hours of operation. Klein said there seemed to be a need for longer hours, so operating hours were extended to 10 hours per day.

"We want to continue to keep the high quality," Klein said. "It is one of the highest quality centers in the county and we want to keep it that way while keeping fees low and be self-sustaining."

Another adjustment that will be made is the pricing structure. The center previously charged by the hour, but the children's commission will charge monthly rates.

"For some this will be better and for others it will be worse," Klein said. "Before it (the center) was being subsidized by the College to a tune of \$30,000. There are things we have to charge for if we are going to be self-supportive."

Klein said the new price system will benefit the parents who leave their children all day, but for those who leave their children for a few hours at a time, it will be detrimental.



BOBBING FOR APPLES?—Lois Lobdell, a nurse at Franklin High School, was one of 20 people to get weighed in water during a hydrostatic weighing demonstration in Randall Hall last Wednesday.

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