

## News In Brief

Compiled by Cori Kargel

**Elections for President and Vice President** will be held April 27, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. in the Student Activities office. For more information, call ext. 2245.

Do you have a lot of free time, need career experience or just like to help others? If so, why not be a volunteer? To find out about the variety of opportunities available, come to the **ASG Volunteer Program** meetings the first and third Tuesday of every month from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in room B-112.

Don't forget the second annual **"Take Our Daughters to Work Day"** on April 28. For more information or luncheon reservations, call Becky Carnahan at ext. 2205.

Come "strut your stuff" at this week's **Community Reading** of fiction and poetry on Friday, April 29 from 12 to 1 p.m. in B-113. If you are interested in creative writing, call Kate Gray at ext. 2371.

CCC's **Focus on Women** program is sponsoring "First Thursday in Portland", an opportunity to enjoy art, culture and calories on a trip to Northwest Portland. The group will browse through art galleries and stop for no-host coffee and dessert. They will meet at CCC's bus mall at 6 p.m. on May 5. Register for WKS 1-05; class fee is \$5. For more information, call ext. 2527.

For a weekend of workshops, recreation, music and relaxation - all in the supportive company of other women - join in the **Women's Weekend** at YMCA Camp Collins. For more information, call ext. 2548.

Come hear authors Laurel Lee, Mike Helm and Spike Walker at **Authors' Night**, April 27 at 7 p.m. in the Gregory Forum.

## THE COLLEGE AND PERSONAL SUCCESS

*Top Five ways to improve your reading techniques*

by Jeff Kemp  
The Print Co-Editor-in-Chief

1. If you're looking for a way to read faster, look no further. Simply read faster. Your brain will work with you. Believe it or not, your comprehension level won't suffer.
2. If you're battling a text that seems too difficult, stand up. Try walking a little as you read. This will help you focus your concentration.
3. Ask yourself what you

expect to get from your reading. Knowing where you're going is half the battle.

4. If you have 2 hours to watch TV and do homework, don't combine the activities. Work on your homework for an hour and watch TV for an hour. Outside distractions can make comprehension more difficult.
5. Review shortly after you've read. Try to tell someone else about what you've read. You'll teach yourself.

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## Letters to the Editors:

### BSM President justifies actions

As BSM President, I am writing in response to the "opinions" expressed in last week's newspaper by Heidi Branstator and Lanz W. Hartfeil.

I am amazed at Branstator's printing what she was "told," rather than printing the facts. No BSM posters stated that homosexuality, like some sort of cancer, could be cured. I am also amazed that Branstator printed opinions on something she had so little information on. She stated that she "hoped" something was being done. No, nothing is being done. It has already BEEN done. In fact, it was done almost two weeks before Branstator printed her letter. If she had cared to ask, she would know that. The first morning the poster in question was displayed, a meeting was held between myself, Carolyn Arnemann (BSM Director), Norm Berney (Student Activities Coordinator) and Jan Godfrey (Student Activities/Counseling). The posters were taken down immediately. Later, the four of us met again, to discuss everything from offensive words to freedom of speech. It was a very civil and productive meeting. I am sorry to hear that Branstator finds herself unable to take pride in her college, where freedom of speech and open communication between diverse group

occurs.

As for Hartfeil's letter, I would like to paraphrase the poster which he believes claims that there is a casual relationship between drugs, alcohol and homosexuality. The poster actually says that Dan Rice searched for love and fulfillment in each of these three areas. Had it been true of Mr. Rice's life, the poster could have just as correctly stated that he searched for love and fulfillment in gluttony, stalking and heterosexuality. Does that imply that eating mass quantities of Oreos causes you to be heterosexual, or that if you are heterosexual, you will be a stalker? No more than our poster implied causation. The only "claims" made by BSM are that love and fulfillment are to be found in Jesus Christ. To address Hartfeil's dream to help BSM to help those in need, I say: Pinch yourself, Mr. Hartfeil, because it isn't a dream. BSM is a nationwide organization that sends over a thousand students throughout the world every year to help the homeless, hungry and anyone else who needs help. Our campus chapter alone has sent students to Houston, South Carolina, Japan, Alaska, Virginia, Mexico, L.A., San Francisco and Spokane. And we never asked for any percentage of anyone's earnings to do it. In

fact, BSM often provides funds for students who can't afford to participate in our retreats and other activities. I can't count the number of times we have told our members not to allow lack of money to stand in the way of participating.

If people were offended by our posters, we are sorry; that was never our intent. We are encouraged by the fact that many members of GALAB and P-FLAG attended this meeting. Bridges were built between members of our groups, and even some friendships were started. Three members of GALAB invited the speaker, Dan Rice, out to coffee. I'm sure that if either Branstator or Hartfeil had taken the time to actually find out the meaning behind the posters, or even the literal meaning on the posters, they would have never taken the time to write such hate-filled "opinions."

Carol Wright  
CCC BSM President

**Editors' Note:** The Print would like to clarify one point: BSM did remove the offensive poster that afternoon, but only after objections by several students and staff resulted in the meeting between Wright, Arnemann, Berney and Godfrey.

### If persuaded, ASG will intervene

#### President Robin Bruce defends BSM's 'freedom of speech'

In response to Heidi Branstator's article titled "Will God Still Love BSM After This?" and Lanz Hartfeil's Letter to the Editors:

The system works! It is gratifying to know that when people get together and talk, positive moves can be made. When Baptist Student Ministries (BSM) was told that their poster offended some people, they removed the poster. It was clear that their intention was not to hurt anyone, and they were willing to make the change. It is important to note, I believe, that BSM did not have to change the poster. It is within their rights, as it is with anyone, under the freedom of speech, to say whatever they want on their posters.

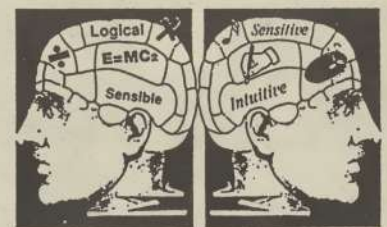
Associated Student Government's (ASG) connection to this incident was to work with the club for a solution. ASG has

no right to censor the content of posters. The only thing ASG does is okay the poster as a campus event and date it to track the thirty days the poster is allowed to stay up. This is not an endorsement of the event or approval of the content of the poster. If posters con-

tain words that hurt or offend someone, ASG will, if asked, work with the club and the offended party to solicit understanding and sensitivity to the problem.

Robin Bruce  
President, ASG

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