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Sports/Recreation

The Mid-week Ski Bus leaves the Memorial Building, 765 N A St, and will go to either the Willamette or Santiam Passes, with stops being made for both the downhill and cross-country skier, 8-6 pm, costs \$6.

Kayaking—a workshop offered by UO Outdoor Program, will assist you in fitting your kayak. Bring mini-cell foam or ethfoam, your boat and clothes you wear kayaking. 7 pm, EMU ballroom.

Etc.

The Bookmobile will be at the Eugene Care Center at 10 am; the Life Care Center at 11 am; Pleasant Valley Nursing Home at 1:15 pm; and Drive N Save on Hilyard from 2-5:30 pm.

An evening of Bhagwan at 3072 Willakenzie Rd at 7 pm. 343-8516.

UO President Olum will meet with students at a winter term convocation at 3:30 pm in Geology 150.

Radio

Blazers vs. San Antonio at 5 pm on KEED, 1450 AM.

Speakers

Marvin Goldberger, president of California Institute of Technology, speaks on *The Needs, Problems and Prospects for Arms Control* at 8 pm in 150 Geology, UO. This is sponsored by the South Lane League of Women Voters, free.

A UO faculty panel discussion on *Nuclear Arms Control* at 9:30 am in Fellowship Hall, 1376 Olive St.

Craig Winters of Vibrant Health, Inc. will give a free lecture and samples of food supplements. Room 171, New Oregon Hotel on Franklin, 7 pm, 484-9999.

Workshop

Wood water heating: OSU Master Conservator Program. In the Eugene Extension Auditorium at 950 W 13th at 7 pm. Free.

Being a Parent Can Be Fun, focuses this week on how to teach children skills to deal with their emotions; for example, anger, depression, fear, etc. 7-8:30 pm at the Education Center, 200 N Monroe, Tower Room. No charge.

Meetings

Adelante, Si is having a general membership meeting which includes a slide presentation on Chile, from 7-8:45 pm at the Eugene Public Library.

The Vagrancy Task Force will meet at 3 pm in the HCC Conference Room, 72 W Broadway, No. 209. Included on the agenda is the Subcommittee reports.

Public Access TV Smeared

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The picture was actually a very large photo which had been staged to stereotype cable access users. It depicted a bearded man with a wrench and wearing a hard hat (slightly askew), a woman holding a "homemade" sign: *Support My Cause*, and a long-haired musician holding a trumpet. All of these "activists" were sticking out of a TV set. A caption suggested that public access programmers are political activists and threaten its existence with their boring programs.

Strycker painted a picture in much the same fashion as the photographer staged the photo. Predisposed opinion by a few "critics" was passed off as representative of the entire business community and the general public.

Conclusions were drawn on erroneous and incomplete information. For example, although the renewed and revised Cable Franchise provided that all public access equipment would be in place by Dec. 31, 1982, much equipment has still not arrived, including a character generator necessary to project subtitles on the screen. Editing equipment has only recently arrived. Also, the video recording of "obscene poetry" objected to by one critic was produced by one of the "institutions" recommended as sources of better programming.

Strycker wrote and the *Guard* published a demeaning and misleading feature story serving no useful purpose to the community. The article was not up to the *Guard's* standards as stated in the credo atop the Editorial page: "the impartial publication in its news pages of all news and statements on news." Opinions are reserved for the Editorial Page, "endeavoring to be candid but fair." The photo and article depicted public access users as "anti-establishment, far left, feminist, anti-nuclear, radical environmentalist, and disheveled." Activist became the stereotype.

The litany goes on and on. Eleven months ago, however, the *Register Guard*

published an editorial stating that TV had become an "electronic punching bag for just about everybody from the Moral Majority to the Intellectual Elite." The editorial continues, advising against the blanket prohibition of viewing due to objectionable programming and recommended good program viewing available locally, including *Nuclear Questions*, a public access program which has aired continuously for over three years. This is only one of several examples of good and needed local programming from the members of the public.

Is there a campaign to eradicate this type of programming by a few critics claiming to represent the (Moral?) Majority? If no one is watching as Gene Hulett, long-time public access foe, and Strycker contend, why the concern about programming? Why are some "critics" bristling so loudly if, as Strycker concludes, only "activists" have expressed interest?

I would suggest that the many and varied people using public access have been smeared and maligned by the article. I know many of them, working people, people who own and operate their own businesses. Enthusiasts always populate groups and organizations involved with their interests. Entertainment, information and debate, freedom of speech and controversial subjects are legitimate material for public access programming. Public access enthusiasts are not violent, do not advocate violence or suppression of others. Why all the upheaval? The critics and the *Register Guard* would be prudent to follow the example of Group W manager Brian Sullivan who refused to join Strycker in "punching" the very new and yet incomplete facility and governing board. Strycker would be well advised to do a bit more homework and consider placing her "reporting" on the opinion pages.

—Bill Snyder



February

Garden hints from your OSU Extension Agent

- Have soil test performed on garden plot to determine nutrient needs. Contact local county Extension office for instructions.
- Western Oregon: plant seed flats for cole crops (cabbage, cauliflower, broccoli, brussels sprouts).
- Fertilize rhubarb with manure or a complete fertilizer.
- Western Oregon: plant perennial herbs outdoors (chives, lovage, mint, rosemary, sage, thyme).
- Apply first of four lime sulfur sprays on apple trees to prevent apple scab.
- Western Oregon: prune fruit trees.
- Western Oregon: good time to plant fruit trees and deciduous shrubs.
- Delayed dormant sprays of lime sulfur for fruit and deciduous trees and shrubs.
- Prune and train grapes.
- Prune roses in western Oregon: wait until May in high elevations of eastern and central Oregon.
- Western Oregon: good time to plant roses and new rose varieties.
- Central Oregon: gather branches of quince, forsythia, flowering cherries and bring inside to force early bloom.
- Prune summer-flowering plants such as butterfly bush, cotoneaster, clematis, hydrangea.
- Control moles with traps or poison bait.
- Western Oregon: Elm leaf beetles emerging from hibernation; may be seen indoors.

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