



Photos by Phil Waldstein

It's up, up, and away for Malcolm Forbes, the wealthy business magazine editor-publisher who is attempting to break six world records in a cross-country balloon flight. Followed by his 'Balloon Ascension Division' staff in a fleet of trailers and

campers, Forbes landed in the field of rancher Walt Van Decar (in dark jacket above), when unfavorable winds forced him and pilot Jim Yost down. See story on page 12.

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Alternative
proposal
accepted
to allow
more
students
to attend
Duck
basketball
in
Mac Court

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An alternative which will allow students without combination athletic cards to attend this season's University basketball games in Mac Court was approved on an executive level this past week.

"All that remains now," says budget officer Odell Wood, "is for the proposal to be implemented. The athletic department thinks it's a wonderful idea."

The system, suggested by student Stephen Yarabek, should provide reimbursement of a dollar per game for those students unable to attend a contest for any variety of reasons. Ticket holders would get their card punched a few days before the game, receive a dollar in return and then passes could be issued and made available to students for the number of cancelled tickets.

Student Projects, Inc., may provide the administrative outlet through which the plan will be implemented.

"Leo will handle the system," Wood stated. "There's a good base for success in the plan and its workability could be achieved." Meetings between Wood, ASUO President Greg Leo, assistant athletic director Bill Landers and student Yarabek were held last week to iron out the proposal.

"The AD was cooperative," said Yarabek, "I'm sure it will go through. The primary responsibility will lie with students now." He continued, "If they're not going to be attending a game, and they want to help another student see one, all they'll have to do is take the time out to get their card punched. It's not very much to pay. In fact, you'll be getting a dollar back."

Reservations for students who want to obtain tickets can also be made a couple of days before each game. A two ticket limit should be in effect on a first come, first served basis.

"The reason for the two ticket limit is to insure that the greatest amount of students possible have the opportunity to see the Ducks at home," said Yarabek.

The program will only cover basketball because of the great demand for tickets.

"We've agreed to do it," said Leo, "and we'd really like it to happen. Right now, we're trying to fix-up a foolproof system through which we can work." Leo predicted, "It will come off, but how it comes off, and how the ASUO will present the system to students is the big question."

There are rules to set up, testing to do and opinions to poll before the proposal will get underway. "Everyone is optimistic," said Leo.

Commenting on the borrowing of athletic cards by other students, Wood said that, "we see no objection in seeing students using other student cards if permission has been granted. "What we don't agree with is for non-students to be using those cards. First priority should always be given the students," added Wood.

"Contrary to opinion," Wood concluded, "the AD is not just trying to get money." The importance of service to students was stressed by Wood.

Signature drive stops effect of anti-porno bill

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Opponents of the anti-pornography bill, SB 708, set to go into effect last Friday, have succeeded in preventing the law from taking effect. Members of a group called People Against Censorship turned in petitions with a total of 52,700 signatures to the office of Secretary of State Clay Myers on Thursday afternoon.

Only 26,656 signatures are needed to halt enforcement of the law and put the issue before the voters in the November general election of 1974. Of the first 16,000 signatures verified by the Secretary of State's office, approximately 70 percent were found valid. If 43 percent of the remaining signatures prove valid the petition will have been successful.

The bill, claimed by opponents as a step towards censorship, would have banned so-called "body shops," live sex shows, and material which "taken as the whole appealed to the prurient interest in sex" and on a state-wide community standard was without "serious artistic, literary, scientific or political value." Proponents of the bill say it is designed to affect only hardcore pornographers and not legitimate theaters and booksellers.

Clifford Atchley, president of the People Against Censorship group, credited young people

with the success of the referendum drive. Atchley said the majority of the signatures were secured on the streets and only a small number in adult bookstores. Some adult bookstores have said they will be forced to close down if the law is enacted.

The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) co-operated with petition sponsors in circulating the petition. Reverend Bob Peters, Lane County ACLU Chairman, said he was "very pleased" by the apparent success of the petition. He said he hoped "a new level of dialogue on the bill could now take place...one where the issue is discussed by the people and not just in the committee rooms of the state legislature." Peters said that now "people can examine the first amendment issues involved."

Peters said that his group would study the issue for further action in the upcoming year before the referendum and that their role would most likely be one of "public education."

As it stands now, Oregon retains the more liberal laws enacted in 1971 which prohibit only the use of pornography in advertising or its distribution to minors.

Petitions had been circulated to block four other laws that went into effect October 5th, but only the petition calling for a referendum on Senate Bill 708 gathered enough signatures to become effective.