

Students study Hitler propaganda

by Joanie Kramer

"Some students around West Linn need to be shook up," frowned Allen Webb, social studies/English teacher.

Webb is teaching his Mass Media classes how to understand the society through Hitler propaganda studies. "Hitler had ways to get to people," he commented.

He added how students around WLHS get caught up in such things as fashionable clothing and what they're going to do for the weekend. They look right through starving peo-

ple around the world. "Students don't look ahead to see if they'll always have food. They just assume," said Webb.

The students have read "The Rise and Fall of the Third Reich" by William L. Shirer. They've also watched the film "Hitler's Germany" which showed examples of propaganda.

Mass Media student Jodi Padrta did a report on the Hitler propaganda subject. After reading the book and watching the film Padrta said, "You could see what was actually happening."

AuCoin endorses jobs bill for unemployed youth

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Year-round and summer jobs are in store for unemployed Oregon youths if a bill backed by Congressman Les AuCoin is approved by the Senate and signed by President Reagan.

AuCoin said that if all goes well, jobs could begin this summer in the American Conservation Corps. By an overwhelming vote of 301 to 87, the House of Representatives approved the legislation on March 1 and sent it to the senate.

Teenage unemployment is 22 percent in Oregon.

"For the sake of so many young people in Oregon who are eager for jobs and for the sake of our public lands and resources where so much work is needed, the sooner this bill becomes law, the better," AuCoin said.

The American Conservation Corps is patterned after the Civilian Conservation Corps, which Congress created in the 1930s to combat widespread unemployment during the Great Depression. One of the most successful jobs programs ever established, the CCC put thousands of jobless Americans to work building roads, bridges and improving public resource lands when no other jobs were available.

During the 1970s, similar job programs — the Youth Conservation Corps and Young Adult Conservation Corps — were in effect. Both have been terminated under the Reagan Administration. AuCoin said studies of the two programs have shown that for every dollar spent, more than a dollar's worth of benefits were gained.

Nevertheless, the White House may try to block the new jobs program, AuCoin warned. Administration officials have called it a program of "make-work" and "leaf raking."

"It is neither of these things," AuCoin said. "It is critical work that will pay dividends to our country by maintaining and improving the productivity of our resource lands."

Under the American Conservation Corps, young men and women between the ages of 15 and 21 would be eligible for the summer job program, while those between the ages of 16

and 25 would be eligible for year-round jobs. The bill also specifies that youths cannot be paid less than the federal minimum wage of \$3.35 an hour, AuCoin said, and requires that special consideration for jobs be given to the disadvantaged, and to areas of high unemployment.

In Oregon, the estimated unemployment rate among young people in the 16-to-24 age group averaged over 22 percent last year, AuCoin said. That was nearly twice as high as the unemployment rate for all age groups, which averaged 11.5 percent last year.

AuCoin said the kinds of projects for which young people would be hired include:

- Forestry conservation (such as tree planting and erosion control), rangeland conservation, and improving fish and wildlife habitat;
- Developing, maintaining and improving recreational areas;
- Projects to revive urban areas and preserve historic and cultural sites;
- Maintaining and improving roads, trails, streams, lakes, harbors and ports, and pollution control projects;
- Erosion, flood, drought and storm damage assistance and control;
- Fire prevention and control of insects;
- Energy conservation projects.

Besides putting an emphasis on areas of high unemployment, the bill specifies that preference be given to projects that provide long-term benefits to the public, meaningful work experience to the young people participating, and work that can be planned and put into effect promptly.

AuCoin said the beneficial effects of reducing youth unemployment while carrying out critical conservation work on our public lands will be even greater in Oregon if a similar youth jobs bill now being considered by the Oregon Legislature is passed. The state bill, which would be to establish an Oregon Civilian Conservation Corps for youths between the ages of 17 and 23, is aimed at 400 to 500 jobs on state conservation projects.

DID YOU KNOW . . .

by Heidi VonTagen

In the year 2000, the first February 30th will exist. It will be a leap century and will not occur again for another 100 years. If a child was born on that day, it would not be legally one year old for another 100 years.

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If a cannon ball was dropped into the deepest part of the Pacific Ocean, it would not touch bottom for about three hours.

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Exactly one percent of the soft drink "Coca Cola" is made up of a secret ingredient that is known by only 10 people in the entire world.

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If a dime was dropped from the top of the Empire State Building it would fall to earth with such speed and velocity that if it landed on an unassuming pedestrian's head, it could shatter his skull.

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Canned Food Needed

The need for emergency food is immediate:

- In December, unemployment was 10.8 percent in metropolitan Portland
- Budget cuts in food stamps and other social service programs, along with unemployment compensation running out, have caused more Oregonians than ever to seek emergency food aid
- Holiday donations to helping agencies do not last into the spring and summer months
- Over 100,000 people in the tri-county area are now living in poverty
- The demand for emergency food in the three counties has risen over 50 percent in the last year

Where the Food Goes

The helping agencies which distribute food collected by Project Second Wind to individuals and families in need, include: Snow-CAP, Francis Center, St. Vincent DePaul, Kendall Center, FISH, Tualatin valley Food Center, LIFE Center, Molalla Service Center, and Salvation Army Family Services.

Stop Hunger Now!

Project Second Wind involves students, local business people, service clubs, churches, youth and other community organizations in collecting food by going door-to-door and at drop-off sites in schools, businesses, grocery stores, and apartment buildings. In 1982, 80 area schools helped collect over 70,000 lbs. of canned food. In response to rising demand for emergency food, Second Wind's 1983 goal is to involve 100 schools in collecting 120,000 pounds of desperately needed food.

You Can Help

We need your help! If you can provide transportation, want to go door-to-door in your neighborhood, or can help organize collecting canned food donations at your business or local grocery, call the Food Bank at 223-1050. Project Second Wind is May 2-9, 1983.

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Walker new national champion

by Kris Warner

Trials rider junior Vance Walker traveled to Texas for three of the eight rounds of National Trials competition. The trials were held April 9, 10 and 16 at San Antonio, Austin and Gainesville, Texas.

Walker placed first in each of the three rounds with scores lower than his tough competitors, Mike West of Tennessee, and Dean Dorcas of Washington. "My competition was really tough so I was not surprised to see how close the scores were," stated Walker. West was rated as Trials Champion last year and Dorcas was rated fourth.

"The courses were really quite easy for national championship rounds," stated Walker. He continued saying, "I had no idea how I was doing until the scores were posted since everyone was doing so well."

Although there are five more rounds still to ride, as Walker stated, "The motorcycle magazines are already naming me as National Champion. I just hope I don't let them down. I am still healing from tendonitis so I'll just give it my best shot." The remaining five rounds will be held in May and June in California, Arizona, and on the East Coast.

This is Walker's last year to compete in the high school division. "I have been number two for two years in the nation, so I hope to enter the next division, Championship, as the High School Division Champion," stated Walker.

Board discusses news

by Joanie Kramer

West Linn High School's most recent school board meeting, April 14, covered some very important news concerning those students who won't be returning next year.

The school board meeting also discussed leaving staff members. Curriculum/operations Vice-Principal Ernie Gettel is planning to retire after 35 years of service to the school, students, and community. The board accepted his request to retire early with much gratitude.

After 19 years of teaching language arts, Phillis Swank will

also be leaving at the close of the year.

Tom Green is not returning next year, but he is not retiring. He is merely taking a one year's leave. Green, social studies teacher, will be on a bicycle tour of study through 47 countries.

Next year's school budget was adopted by the school board with no comments from the public, and a May 17 election on the levy amount of \$1,940,351 was authorized. This is about 4 percent lower than the 1982-1983 budget, but it does meet all guidelines made by the board and budget committee.

Athletes acquire new locker room

by Staci Johnson

To the pleasure of female athletes, students, and PE teacher and coach Pia Leonard, a new girls' locker room is now getting the finishing touches.

The new locker room will contain a team room, a much larger office for PE teachers, many more lockers, and more needed space.

The project will be finished by the end of April. As the girls' locker room approaches completion, construction of the boys' locker room can begin.

Sophomore Robin Restock says, "Maybe this sudden urge to improve facilities will spur on more excitement to improve other lacking facilities at WLHS, such as a needed gym or football field."