

Be it resolved

Not only is this the beginning of a new year it is also the beginning of a new school term and thus furnishes those of us inclined towards resolutions two chances.

Along with the traditional resolutions to lose weight, stop smoking, quit drinking, study harder, stop arguing with your brother, sister, mother, wife, husband....., clean the back cupboards, etc., etc., there are a few we'd like to suggest:

Get involved. Not just in school activities (though that wouldn't hurt) but in your community, state and the world around you. Just because there are no great causes to fight for anymore doesn't mean that there aren't little ones just as important.

Be a nosy neighbor. Or rather, be interested in the people who live near you. Say hello. If you know they're going away offer to watch things for them. Maybe they'll do the same for you and neither of you will get ripped off. Invite them over for coffee, a drink or what have you. You may develop a new friend and there is no better feeling in an emergency than knowing you have a friend next door and not on the other side of town.

Be concerned about the environment in little ways. Are you riding to school by yourself every day? Share a ride with someone. Surely one other person in your area goes the same places you do at times that can be accommodating.

Sudden death

The decisions made at the Dec. 15 meeting of the Clackamas Community College Board of Education to do away with football at the college should come as a surprise to no one, including the athletic department.

This decision, although purely political in the making, was the only one the board could have made, given the circumstances. After all, since the athletic department contended from the beginning that they could not have a football team without recruiting out-of-district and the only problem most people saw with the program was the out-of-district recruiting, what else could the board do?

Unfortunately, there are other, more valid reasons for discontinuing the program that seem to have gotten lost in the political machinations on the part of some administrators.

Reasons, like, does the community college system really benefit by or support a football program? Only two of the 13 community colleges in Oregon now have football teams. Obviously the other 10 (excluding Clackamas) had valid reasons for never starting such a program.

There is also the fact that community colleges draw students from a wide range of interests, age groups and backgrounds. Most of our students have grown beyond the days of supporting their school team because the players are their classmates and friends. Students at our college are more apt to spend their football-watching hours in front of the T.V. with a can of beer watching the professionals.

Cost was only a small part of the football question. As Len Monroe, dean of student activities, pointed out, football at the college costs the taxpayers less than 25 cents on a \$40,000 home.

Some sources say the program was discontinued because people in high places didn't want football here to begin with and they had the influence to get rid of it in the end. But, since football was, for the most part unnoticed, unnecessary and inappropriate, it will probably not be missed by very many for very long.

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Other viewpoints

Law to spoil OSU keggers?

Editor's note: This article was an editorial in the Jan. 5 issue of *The Daily Barometer*, the student newspaper at Oregon State University in Corvallis.

We all know the legal drinking age is 21 in Oregon.

We also know it's easy to get beer even if you're too young to buy it in the supermarket. All you have to do is find a friend who is old enough to buy it legally. Oftentimes, these friends are referred to as 21'ers or bootleggers.

Sunday (Jan. 1) an Oregon law came into effect which could make bootlegging a risky proposition. Individuals who purchase kegs of beer are now required to "swear, under penalty of false swearing" that they will not allow minors to consume their beer. The law goes further. It requires the purchaser to specify where the contents of the keg will be consumed.

We talked with Inspector Steven Manning of the Oregon Liquor Control Commission, about the possible repercussions of the new law. He said it will make liquor control easier. All any law enforcement officer has to do is visit the local beer distributor and spot-check his records. That way the officer can find out who bought kegs and where those kegs will be. Then the police can go to the kegger and bingo -- "Let's see everyone's I.D." The person who purchased the keg may be charged with contributing to minors and false swearing if minors are caught drinking.

We will be interested in seeing if party life changes in Corvallis.

Surely now there is a greater risk involved in sponsoring a Friday night kegger.

We will also be interested in seeing whether this law really has any teeth and if law enforcement agencies use it to their professional advantage. Some of the local police say they will continue to watch

parties and alcohol consumption they always have. We suspect this means continuing to turn their heads the other way once in awhile. But Inspector Manning says he will objectively enforce the liquor laws... whatever that means.

But for now the word is: "Bootleggers beware!"

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