

opinion

Welcome '80s

The last summer of the '70's is over and in comes the first fall of the '80's, and a new school year.

Along with the new year come new people, classes and experiences, some that will affect the college and students directly.

The '80's may prove to be a decade of change in daily lives. Adaptability will be important in a person in order to live harmoniously in this sometimes chaotic existence. As we face inflation, energy crunches, and the problems that go with them, being informed on what is happening will be very important.

The Print plans to help, by keeping people informed on College-based events and happenings, along with local and national events. We will do our best job to report the events as we see them in a fair and tasteful manner.

We encourage you to write letters to the editor if you have any questions about an event or if you're just irate about something. Include your name, address and signature and we will print your letter for response. The Print is a paper for the students of this College, but we can't do our job right if we don't know anything about our audience.

Doc's and drugs

A man is dead from a polypharmedic overdose, an overdose of prescription drugs prescribed to him by his personal doctor. The man is Elvis Presley.

Presley died last year and it has just been discovered that his death was caused by a drug overdose. His doctor, George Nickolopolis, is awaiting trial. In the course of seven months, Nickolopolis allegedly prescribed drugs to Presley totalling 25 pills a day.

This report was a shock to many people. But it is not an uncommon situation. More and more doctors are discovered selling prescription drugs illegally and pocketing the money, but more than that, many doctors are careless with the drugs they do prescribe.

John Ewelling from the State Board of Medical Examiners, says that while that problem does exist in Oregon, harsh steps of discipline are taken against doctors who abuse the privilege of prescribing drugs.

"We (the board) supervise a doctor's professional life and his personal life, as well," said Ewelling. "If we hear that a doctor is drinking, whether it be at home or in the office, we take away his license and he's put on probation." Ewelling stated that the Oregon board has taken away more licenses and is more strict than any board in the U.S.

But is that enough? It seems that the board doesn't take any action until after a complaint is made and by then it could be too late. It was too late for Presley.

What should be done is a periodical "check up" on doctors by the board, and maybe pharmacists could be on the lookout too. If I were a pharmacist and someone came to me with a slip that issued 25 different drugs, I'd think about that one.

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feedback

To The Editor:

Garments made of wool, especially this year during the energy crisis, are an important part of the fall fashion scene. For those of you who like to sew, knit or crochet, there is an excellent opportunity to win lovely prizes by entering the District 2 Make It Yourself With Wool Contest which will be held at the Beaverton Mall, Saturday, Nov. 10. Judging will be in the morning followed by a luncheon and public fashion show in the afternoon. District winners in the junior and senior competition will be selected for the state contest, which will be held in Salem in December.

Entry blanks can be obtained at most fabric stores in the district (Clackamas, Columbia and Washington counties), at extension offices, or by writing me, the project director.

The prizes are lovely, the experience of entering a fashion show is invaluable, and the joy of owning a beautiful wool garment that you've made yourself is indescribable.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

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