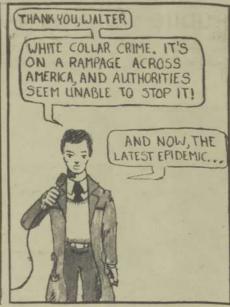
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'Sinews' problems omitted

"The Print" recently ran an article about the Clackamas Community College television news show, Sinews. The coverage by "The Print" newspaper was appreciated. It is apparent that Sinews had at least generated enough interest to run the article. However, several important points were

The commercials referred to as stupid were not made by the Sinews team. They were made by the first year video class, some of whom are involved in the show. Most of the commercials were a first attempt at working with video as a medium for the students. The parody showed a definite dislike for the present day, hard sell broadcast commercials. The forming of an idea, writing of a script and adapting it to video is not easy. I think a fine job was done by all.

There is no question that the isappointed at Page 2

were very happy that at least portions of the show, Mr. Science and the commercials, were recognized.

Our change in programming, as in all broadcasting, was towards what interest there was. The program is now designed to entertain the viewer instead of inform him.

Our largest problem was not even mentioned, the extremely poor quality (technical) when broadcast on the College closed circuit television system. A problem we hope to have solved soon.

It was also not mentioned that after our Jan. 16th show, full attention will be turned to the Northwest Film Study's film and video contest.

We at Totally Outside Productions (our new name) are working on improving the technical skills, Audio, Video, Writing, Acting and Graphics. And if we can have a little fun while we're at it, why not. Anyone who is interested can stop by room M 112 and check it out. We've done six shows, no small feat, and haven't lost interest yet. So until we find it necessary to change, Totally Outside Productions will be Totally Outside

Producer Joe Cornett

Associate Producer Craig R. Odegoard

She loves it!

To The Editor:

mensely. I was delighted to find finished the lack of interest in the news it much more comprehensive Thank you, show, but on the contrary all and sophisticated than it was Julie Lundy

last term. On every page, I found something of interest to The new format for "The me; and I was better informed Print" has improved it im- about the College when I had

Editor's notes

Calm down, America

Now that the hostages have been released, we can finally s back and look at exactly what happened in Iran during both the revolution and the eventual takeover of the U.S. Embassy Listening to the talk shows on the radio throughout the past few nights, it's obvious that Americans are thinking about the past fee years, but are not using the correct thought process. Otherwise the citizens of this nation would not be as angry as they are.

Over the radio, citizens have angrily shouted, "National insult while others have suggested that this country use Iran as a testing site for our ICBM missles. I listened in horror. How could m fellow countrymen advocate mass murder for an incident that no one's fault save our own?

What caused the U.S. Embassy takeover, anyway? When Dwight Eisenhower gave the already once-deposed Shah of Iran the troops and weaponry to take control of Iran, he continued the legacy of the Muhommad Reza Pahlavi and his family rule. For 50 years we, as a nation, have supported, both monetarily and militarily, this ruler.

We have sent him aid because he: (a) sent us oil at low prices and (b) was our stronghold in the Middle East. For 50 years America has supported a man who has murdered and tortured literally thousands of people, and our government has known about it. When we put the Shah in power, he was not wanted by his own nation.

The only way he felt he could remain in power was to send fea up the spines of every possible dissident. Where were our moral then? When it took a revolution to get him out of the country, who admitted him in their country? America. We wanted to keep

This was the ultimate insult to the Iranians. If the roles were switched, I am sure that we would have done the same thing. I am not endorsing the violation of international law, but advocate an understanding of the entire situation.

The only way the Iranians felt that they could get the Americans' attention was to do something drastic. It worked. In a those 443 days of captivity, not one hostage was murdered. The torture the hostages went through was horrifying, indeed, but it is not even close to what Iran went through under the rule of the

We have no reason to want to get even with Iran by advocating mass murder for one simple reason: we are way ahead in this situation. What did Iran get in return for the hostages? Their own assets which were frozen by ex-President Carter. If anyone "go screwed" these past 443 days, it was Iran and the hostages.

America has "screwed" herself through these past 50 years with the Shah of Iran and we have no reason to desire revenge. Iran does, however. For all those who wish revenge, the best form of revenge would be to diplomatically snub Iran for the next 20 years. Not one word to them.

The editorial board of The Print has decided that we, as paper, cannot play ping-pong with issues. Although The Print opinion page can be a spring-board for many other editorials, w have decided that it is in the best interest of the readers to limit "o paper" debates until the subjects' zenith. When letters repeat when already as been written, that's the cue to end the debate.

Because there are so many subjects that need to be discussed this will prevent person-to-person, or person-to-business, p

-- Thomas A. Rhodes

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