

Monologue

Idle Hands

By J. Dana Haynes

First things first: For you newcomers, welcome to Clackamas Community College. For you returnees, welcome back.

Fine. That's out of the way. On to business.

Far be it for us to start the year on a sour note, but it has come to the attention of The Print, by way of the State Superintendent's office and the Department of Justice, that someone has been running a business that is... shall we say... a tad questionable.

A company called Five Star Productions, based in Los Angeles, has been contacting recent high school graduates and current 12th grade students with a proposition. According to Superintendent Verne Duncan's office, "there is a high probability that this promotion is not legitimate, as the company in question is not properly licensed and is currently under investigation."

Five Star has sent postcards in the mail to students, saying that

they're looking for "new faces" to appear in commercials and motion pictures. The postcards also request a "\$10.00 processing fee."

However, promoters in Los Angeles have no knowledge of this company. Furthermore, they say that the advance fee promotion is contrary to regular industry practices.

Moreover, California officials have informed the powers-that-be in Oregon that Five Star Productions is not licensed as required by labor codes. The California Department of Justice has launched an active investigation into this organization, and its business practices.

If you or someone you know should receive any Five Star Production material, please forward it to the Oregon Department of Justice, Consumer Protection and Services Section, Justice Building, Salem, OR 97310, or send it to the Print, and we'll see that the proper authorities receive it.

... DAY 17 OF THE FOOTBALL STRIKE...



The price you pay for education

By Kristi Blackman

For a full-time college student finding employment can be a chore in this struggling economy of ours; most of the jobs offered are part-time. If the average student is paying for the high cost of schooling by himself then his paycheck could be considered well spent.

With the prices of high tuition the student is lucky if he has enough money left over for food. Students can not live by tuition and food alone. No, the scholar must have nourishment for the brain better known as college texts.

This so-called brain food does not come cheap, either.

The average text book price can range from \$15 to \$23. This fall I spent \$83.99 on my books and two of them haven't arrived yet from the manufacturer. A friend of mine spent \$120 for six of his classes.

Why couldn't they have a system of discounting prices after the fee has hit \$50?

I have come to the conclusion that the publishing companies have given the term 'higher education' a new meaning. Sometimes it feels like a punishment for wanting to get ahead, but that's the price you have to pay for higher education.

Dialogue



Pen pal wanted

Dear Sir;

I am writing this letter in hopes you may be able to print my name and address in your school paper. I am a 29-year-old white male, and an inmate of the "State of Georgia."

I am interested in corresponding with anyone, and especially those interested in art. I spend much of my time drawing and working with pastels.

I would be more than happy to answer anyone who may care to write.

Respectfully,

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No on 3

To the Editor:

Community college students beware! If you're a student at Clackamas and you haven't heard about State Measure No. 3, then it's time you learned. The purpose of measure No. 3 is to limit real property tax to 1/2 percent 1979 true cash value, plus enough for 85 percent of each district's 1979-80 revenues.

Measure No. 3 isn't anything new to Oregon's ballots; in fact, there have been similar proposals in Oregon over the years. In 1966 Measure No. 7, which asked for a 1/2 TCY property tax limitation, was defeated 2 to 1. In 1978 Measure No. 6, a 1/2 percent property tax limitation, and Measure No. 11, which would have slowed the growth rate of state governmental operating expenses, were placed on the ballot. At the general election in November, both measures were defeated. Here are some more facts about State Measure No. 3:

1. Measure No. 3 will not benefit renters who occupy

about one-third of the state's housing units.

2. Two property owners with identical homes could pay different amounts of tax because a new purchase raises the assessed value of one home to full market value, while the assessed value of the other home will increase by only two percent per year. This means that people buying new homes or property will be apportioning the bulk of the taxes for current land owners.

3. "User" fees and other assessments will proliferate to make up for lost property tax revenues. This means an Oregon sales tax could be just around the corner. A tuition increase isn't out of the question either.

4. If the state supplies make-up funding for lost property tax revenues, it will assume more and more control of local governments and institutions.

I'm strongly urging all students to register to vote, and then vote against State Measure No. 3 in November. Don't make the big mistake of thinking that your vote doesn't matter, because it does!

Sincerely,

Paul W. Nastari
President, ASGCC

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