

Monologue

Dome would bring in badly-needed revenue

Guest Editorial By
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Let's stop turning our backs. Did you all enjoy the Springsteen concert? The Jacksons? Are you looking forward to seeing Prince?

How 'bout those NFL playoffs? They sure were exciting. You did get to attend all of these events, didn't you? Of course you didn't, unless you were one of the ones that helped out the pocketbooks of Seattle and Tacoma residents. Essentially, we sat around while Washington drained our pockets

by holding these events in something known as a "domed stadium."

Lately, talk of Portland's own domed stadium has been raised. With the arrival of the USFL's Breakers, there are some who seem to feel we have the potential to support this club.

True, we do have the potential, but at this time we don't have the facilities. If you think for a moment that a major league football franchise can survive within the Civic's less-than-mediocre, 32,500-person-capacity stadium, then you better put the brown paper sack on right now. If, in fact, the Breakers receive half of the support it looks like

they're going to get, it will be awfully sad.

After one season, when the Breakers' owners look back at the attendance totals and figure all of the profits they could've made, they will either demand a larger stadium or move.

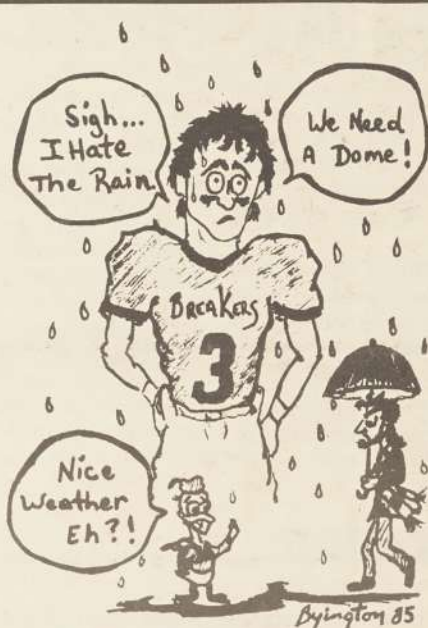
And boy, it's going to be fun sitting on the Civic's bleachers in the rain, isn't it?

Oh, I almost forgot...The Blazers too. How many straight sellouts have we had? Only the computer knows. If we had a facility comparable to Seattle's Kingdome we'd all get to see Bowie, Paxson and the rest of the boys

- and maybe (just maybe) they might start playing better.

What a challenge selling 40,000 seats would be. That's how many Sonic fans can see an NBA game.

The time for action on this issue is now. And even for those who couldn't care less about those "jocks" and "rock-n-rollers," having a domed stadium will also bring other events to the Portland area, as well as raking in the dough for our community. And we'd be wise to approve it soon here in Portland. You never know which neighboring community will decide to construct a domed stadium next.



Teen pregnancies not helped by birth control ad censorship

By Shelley Ball
Of The Print

A recent legal battle in Nevada involving the rights of high school newspapers to accept advertising from Planned Parenthood Services has left me wondering what has happened to the concept of free speech.

In what is being reported as the first court case involving family planning providers' free-speech right to advertise in high school publications that accept advertising, 10 high school principals from

Nevada's Clark County School District are infringing upon this right by rejecting Planned Parenthood ads for school publications.

The reason given for these actions, as everyone's no doubt heard many times before, is that family planning ads give the impression that it's OK for teenagers to have, well, you know, that three-letter-word. These misguided moralists think keeping the knowledge of birth control practices away from their sons and daughters will make them less inclined to have - SEX.

What these people fail to realize, time after time, is that no knowledge of birth control many times leads to more pregnancies among teenage girls. How many statistics do they need to see to support this fact?

Whether some parents like it

or not, teenagers who want to have sex will have sex, knowledge or no knowledge. The only reasonable thing to do is to inform these teens who engage in sex about birth control methods so that there aren't any unwanted pregnancies.

Allowing high school newspapers to accept Planned Parenthood advertisements would help to inform teenagers. It is ridiculous to think that some teens may have to go to college first to learn the honest facts about birth control, when it's obvious they need to know about such information long before they graduate from high school.

While I can understand parents' wishes to protect their children from harm, censoring high school newspapers isn't the way to do it.

Community Corner

By Fritz Wenzel

In the course of a standard news story the writer does not have the opportunity to give a long, complicated analysis of his subject, but the luxury of a column like this one almost demands it. So now I seize the chance to point out a couple perspectives to think about regarding our page one story last week about former ASG President Metzker's resignation.

First, the College community here can be grateful for the monitoring of academic progress that is done by either the Financial Aid Office or some advisor. In the Metzker case it was Debbie Baker.

No one will deny that there is a big adjustment to be made from any lifestyle to the collegiate world. If you are a high schooler experiencing college for the first time or an older person who is changing your career, you probably need the occasional push and guidance that many at this College give.

The only sad thing about Metzker's

resignation, which came as a result of not meeting GPA standards, is that she could not regroup and make up the work. My impression from all whom I have talked with in the ASG office is that Jenny Metzker is well-liked and was deeply committed to the work of student government. Our ASG is sorry to lose someone who serves well.

It also should be noted that while Baker was quoted in this paper last week as taking much responsibility for not catching the grade problem that Metzker had, her liability is certainly limited. The tremendous net that the College here has constructed to help any student get back on track is really effective only if the student will ask for help. With that in mind, maybe the biggest mistake Metzker made was in assuming that she was beyond reach.

In this case, silence was anything but golden.

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