

Opinion

From my side of the pool

Ramblin' and reggae

By Dave Holmes
Editor-In-Chief

This week, several short and altogether unrelated bits of information and observation.

Have you ever noticed that the later the hour gets, the funnier stupid things seem to be? I spent this last weekend with a friend of mine at U of O. And of all the things that we could have done at two in the morning, we decided that we just had to write a reggae song.

It was possibly one of the dumber things I've been involved in at two a.m., but writing that song was an absolute scream.

The next morning we said, "Hey, this is too good to keep to ourselves." So what else do you do when you're in that situation? You inform everyone else in your frat house that they have the unique opportunity to be in a reggae band.

I'm not sure exactly how we got all of those amplifiers and drums out on to the fire escape, but at least we gave everyone on the block a show.

The moral? There isn't one. It's just a dumb story.

You want to hear a great joke? They keep on talking about building a domed stadium in Clackamas County. And you know what? They think it's feasible. Life never ceases to amaze me.

Skipper's restaurant on Mollala Avenue. That place is one of the construction masterpieces of the modern age. It took no more than nine or ten days to go from flat, deserted lot, to one of the areas better fast-food joints.

Once again we have the great, shining example of what the private sector can do. If only the public sector (i.e. the State Highway Division) could get their act together like the contractors that built Skipper's (i.e. fix more than one damaged road in Oregon City a year).

Everyone picks on drive-thru windows at burger places, so I won't.

One last thing on fast-food places: have you ever noticed that the person at the cash register asks you, "Is this for the dining room?" As if you were going to eat it in the kitchen or the restroom. But then, they only get minimum wage.

Well, that's enough rambling for one week. If it's not funny, read it again at two in the morning. Everything's funny then.

Feedback

Guard a necessity

To the Editor:

I would like to direct your attention to the Opinion page of the February 4 issue of *The Print*.

The prose with regard to the National Guard was, to say the least, unique.

The first words of the article were very appropriate. "For some unknown (or, perhaps, well concealed) reason," etc. It is quite obvious the writer did not know what the mission of the Oregon National Guard is. "Concealed" is a very good choice of words. What the National Guard is tasked to do is so secret and mysterious that a single phone call to the Oregon Military Department would have given the article some factual basis.

At the bottom left-hand corner of the very page the editorial appears there is a paragraph expounding the fact that *The Print* will accept letters, but that they should not be, among other things, false. Take your own advice.

The National Guard in this state has been tasked (as with every other state in the union) with protecting the nation against ANY enemy.

Where did you get the idea that the National Guard's role was only to be a disaster crew? The article asks "What's the deal with the Guard getting ready for jungle combat?" Let me tell you. "The deal" is to be prepared to engage, on any front, hostile forces that would take away your rights and privileges.

Let there be no mistake: war is a dirty business, and as soon as you or anyone else comes up with an alternative to preparedness, I'm sure that the Defense Department would be very interested.

Until such time as the population of this planet can live together, let us all be thankful that their are people in our communities willing to defend this great nation. We owe a great deal to our citizen-soldiers.

John Haynes
Student

Jacob's integrity questioned

The following is an open letter to the student body of the College

To the Editor:

A funny thing happened on the way to integrity...

As many of you may remember, I was the comedian from New York that performed at CCC several weeks ago. You may also remember the story surrounding the unethical behavior (*The Print*, Jan. 14, page 1) of a student (ASG Activities Director Breck Jacobs).

First, an observation in regard to that article. You would think a person who is caught in a lie would take responsibility for himself and admit his "mistake." After reading the outrageous (statements) that were quoted by Jacobs, I truly believe he has no idea about ethics, morals, integrity, responsibility, and maturity. If this occur-

Member, Oregon Air National Guard

Ed. Note:

I appreciate Mr. Haynes letter, but must inform him, and our readers, that absolutely nothing in the editorial (and it was an editorial) was inaccurate or false. The article was conjectural and speculative, and designed to make people think. Perhaps someone did.

red in the outside world, Mr. Jacobs would find himself in court, jail, or the hospital.

On the topic of integrity and responsibility, let me speak of your administration. In the last several weeks, I have received phone calls of apology from: the main office of the National Association of Campus Activities (NACA), the Pacific Northwest Regional head of the NACA, and the (former Student Program Specialist Dave Buckley) at the College. Meanwhile, your administration has done NOTHING. (There was)no apology, no action against Jacobs, and even "questionable statements" about my having done something wrong. I call that a slap in the face.

I make a very nice living from performing on college campuses. I am a professional, and I carry myself accordingly. I gain nothing from trying to cheat a school. The blame is totally on Mr. Jacobs and the Office of Student Activities.

Randy Levin
Comedian

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