

Drexler keynote at drug abuse seminar

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Fourth year Portland Trailblazer star Clyde Drexler strides into the auditorium and up on the speaker's platform.

Saturday Drexler welcomed over 200 Oregon coaches and athletic administrators attending a one day seminar at Memorial Coliseum titled, "Athletes vs. Drugs."

Clyde begins with a joke to soften the sharp tragedy he tells, "Someone once asked me if I used drugs. I said, 'I don't need to do drugs. At 6'8" I'm high enough.'"

The audience laughs. Then he tells what it was like living with a brother who was an addicted user. The audience is quiet. Drexler speaks in a quiet tone as he draws a picture of stress and disruption for the entire family, "There were always problems. Then one day, someone came to the door. They asked if this was the home of the Drexler family. They said my brother was dead from an overdose."

It was a somber beginning for an information packed day. In an interview later that day, Joe Steiner, Treatment Director for Serenity Lane Treatment Center, said, "Drugs have been a part of society since the beginning of time - since man has found a way



Portland Trailblazer Clyde Drexler speaks personally of how drug abuse hurt his family. Drexler was the keynote speaker at the recent "Athletes vs. Drugs" seminar. Photo by Steven Ziolkowski

to alter his moods. What is new is the magnitude of the problem, and that use has become a cultural norm."

Steiner thinks that the Department of Education has to begin looking at funding programs for prevention and intervention at the elementary through college level. Some educators though are looking differently at the meaning of drug use. Judy Lovre, Head Volleyball Coach, Corvallis

High School, said, "I thought drugs were a discipline problem. I feel ashamed of that. I've learned better now."

"We've drawn up a policy (at Corvallis High) that's not punitive if an athlete asks for help. If an athlete is caught, there's punishment, but there's help too," Lovre adds.

Among the speakers were Ron Heitzinger who talked about separating fact from fiction in athletes who use drugs

and behavior changes to watch for in drug use. Medical professionals Dr. Darryl Inaba and Dr. Don Catlin talked about various kinds of drugs athletes may abuse, including anabolic steroids.

Following the lunch break, Dr. Charles Grantham, Executive VP for the National Basketball Players Association, discussed ways that secondary schools and colleges could meet the challenge of the drug pro-

blem. Dr. Bob Cook, Team Physician for the Portland TrailBlazers responded in a presentation to Grantham.

Jerry Pflug, Director of Athletes for the Beaverton School District said there were a number of "givens" in looking at the drug crisis. "Youngsters have a lot of time on their hands and the amount of quality time parents spend with their kids averages about 12 minutes a day," he says. "And if that's true, then coaches have an hour to be a positive role model for youth."

Other given factors, Pflug added were the importance of positive peer pressure. And the stress on athletes for excellence, achievement and proficiency. "(very few) go from high school sports through college sports to the professional circuit and young people don't think about the future, only about right now," Pflug said.

Jack Avina summed everything up well when he said, "We're concerned about the whole person in coaching the athlete. And we've got to address all the issues including nutrition, health, drugs and sex. Our goal is to develop good lifelong habits. Thank God we can at least talk about it."

Library sponsors contest

The library staff will welcome National Library Week April 6-10 with crazy hats, a Beautiful Baby Contest and a Friends of the Library Book Sale on Friday, April 10.

Staff, students and the community are encouraged to enter our "Match the Beautiful Baby Contest" by matching the baby pictures on display in the library with the grown-up library staff. The winners will be the first three people to have the most correct answers or matches. First prize will be a lunch at "Chez Norman" with anyone of the library staff you select! Second prize is a free search of a database for material on any

subject you choose (\$5 limit). Third prize is 20 free copies from the library copier.

'Dominance' shown today

Here's your chance to see three original plays written by an up-and-coming playwright, CCC's own Richard Burroughs.

The work, 'Positions of Dominance,' is Richard's first produced effort and consists of three one act plays dealing with different situations of power and control.

Featured actors are: Mike Sheets, Shelley Kiser, Andrew Garretson, Joshua Collins, and Mr. Burroughs.

The production, to be directed

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by Joshua Collins, was originally set for March 10, but ran into scheduling problems. You can catch the performances in the McLoughlin Theater at noon on April 7 and 8 (bring your brown bag) or at 7:30 on April 8. The performances are free.

CAUTION- strong language, Burroughs said.

Jazz summit at Lewis & Clark

The College Vocal Jazz Summit will be held Saturday, April 11, in Evans Auditorium at Lewis & Clark College from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Members of the public are invited to attend a 7:30 p.m.

evening concert. Tickets are \$4 each. Admission to the daytime workshop is \$2.

For more information, call the CCC Music Department at 657-8400, ext. 434.

Cook to teach "Series"

The John Inskeep Environmental Learning Center at Clackamas Community College is sponsoring a special class which is part of the "Owner/Builders Series" by renowned homesteader, Garry Cook.

The class will meet on Thursday, April 16, 1987 through May 7 from 7 to 10 p.m. in the center Pavilion.

Class fee is \$25 and \$20 for ELC members.

Resource waste topic of class

Global population growth and resource depletion will be the subject of a course offered by Portland State University and the John Inskeep Environmental Learning Center beginning Thursday, April 16, 1987 from 7 to 9 p.m. This class will survey particular countries including the United States for activities aimed at reducing wasteful resource practices.

Cost of the class is \$54 with an additional \$54 for 2 PSU credit hours. For more information please call 657-8400 ext. 351.

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