

Letter to the editor

CCC no place for Bibles

To the Editor,
I am writing in reference to the soliciting of religious material on our campus. Yesterday, a group of men came to the college, for the greater portion of the day, to hand out Bibles to the students. I feel such activities should be banned from our campus. Our college is no place for religious material to be distributed.

This is a major concern and needs to be taken care of immediately.

Thank you,
Tami Simcox



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Buckle up—survival required to enjoy rights

by Stephani Veff
Opinion/Copy Editor

Anyone who has been in a car accident knows the importance of wearing a safety belt - whether he was wearing a safety belt at the time of the accident or not. But it shouldn't take an accident to convince someone that safety belts can prevent serious injury and save lives.

May has been declared "Safety Belt Awareness Month" in Oregon and several organizations including Oregon Traffic Safety Now are joining together to educate Oregonians, particularly young adults, on the importance of safety belt use. Two hundred seventeen Oregonians between the ages of 16 and 25 lost their lives in car accidents in 1987 and less than 10 percent of them were wearing safety belts.

State law requires that children up to age 16 to wear safety belts when riding in automobiles, but after the age of 16 Oregonians have the right to choose whether or not to protect themselves by using safety belts. The idea of requiring all Oregonians to wear safety belts has come into debate many times in recent years, but many Oregonians feel that this infringes on their rights to freedom of decision.

True, the law does infringe on the rights of Oregonians, but if the people get into an accident and die they won't have any rights at all. This is not a laughing matter, but one to be taken very seriously into consideration. People must live in order to enjoy their rights and adults must set good examples for children and young adults, as well as their peers by wearing safety belts and supporting laws that promote safety belt usage.

Every day the news is filled with reports of accidents and statistics on deaths caused by motor vehicles. Don't assume that you are a careful driver and won't get into an accident. There's always the chance that a drunk driver or some other wreckless driver is just around the corner. His next victim could be you. Play it safe - buckle up every time.

Student Opinions



Should students be more informed of ASG and its functions?

Yes, I feel that the students should have a good idea of what exactly the student government does and what the student government positions entail. It will only allow all of us students to participate in "student" government effectively.

—Bobby Knebel—

Why stop with seat belts? Mandate common sense

by Lisa Graham
Co-News Editor

Pardon my language, but the Mandatory Safety Belt Law is the biggest oyster ever to be hucked from the mouth of bureaucratic justice.

For those who insist on the effectiveness of MSBL and point to statistics as proof, I say grab the hookah of life and take a pull of reality. Now imbibed with the clear haze of cynical consciousness, ask yourself, do we really need to mandate common sense?

If this is true, then we should immediately enact other safety laws to protect ourselves from our own rampant stupidity. First we'll have the Safe Home Appliance Act. This will prohibit such household tomfoolery as the implementation of metal prongs into toasters and the operation of blow dryers while the user is occupying the immediate bathing environment. This can be followed with Limb Preserving Lawnmower Penal Codes and Anti Freezer Occupancy Ordinances.

But why stop just there? If we're going to make fining a yahoo who hasn't grasped the concept that, mass times speed plus tree equals a mess, a source of civic pride, just think of how busting our busts will be if we tried to save all the yahoos. We could start a campaign, Save the Yahoos.

Yahoos are clearly an endangered species and are facing extinction from threat of their own stupidity. If we're going to save the Yahoo then we're going to have to outlaw stupidity. Seatbelts aren't enough. These are Yahoos. We're dealing with the dumb.

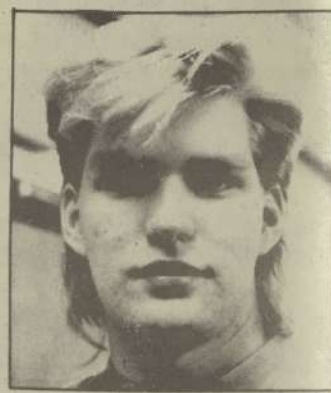
Since they lack the sixth sense, common sense, we're going to have outlaw toxic waste cause you never know where one of those Yahoos is going to try and build a house. You never know, he might try and do something stupid like build it in Tri-County where 80 percent of Oregon's toxic waste sites are located.

Instead of making May Mandatory Seatbelt Awareness Month, I propose that we make it Yahoo Awareness Month. We've already passed laws to save the Yahoo from itself but we need to do more. We need to make people aware of the danger the Yahoos face and not just buckle them up, but actively seek to protect the Yahoo and preserve him for generations to come.



Yes, I believe students should be more informed about the purpose of ASG. They are here to help the students and the students should know what it is all about.

—Stephanie Mazzara—



Sure, what is the point of having ASG if no one knows what it is, or what it does.

—Byron Hubbard—

Photos by Julie Church

Soviet—American relations:

Peace possible in near future

With the Soviet track team visiting Clackamas Community College this past Tuesday, as well as participating in a non-scored track meet at Mt. Hood Community College last Friday, I thought it would be interesting to take on the issue of Soviet-American relations.

Having taken on the topic for my Writing 123 research paper I have somewhat scratched the surface of the complexity of the relations between the two countries. I discovered only too quickly that the amount of resources on the subject would take years to even begin to understand why and when the countries decided to disagree.

At any rate it looks as if the two countries are finally trying to be friends and understand each other. The Reagan-Gorbachev summits have helped some, but the real strides have been made by the people of the two countries by themselves. Soviets and Americans are finally beginning to realize that they are not all that different from each other and that the problems between the two countries are mainly government related and shouldn't keep the two peoples from being

friends.

The real progress has been made by the younger generations. Soviet youths in particular are changing their ideas about American youths and are taking on some of the American culture.

American youths have also become more aware over the past few years, mostly due to the nuclear arms race. The idea of a nuclear war greatly concerns both American and Soviet youths and it is this concern that is leading to youths searching for solutions. Because these youths will be the next generation in the governments of both countries it is possible that the solutions they think about now might be the ones put into action in the near future.

It is completely possible for peace between the two countries in the future and it doesn't mean that either one has to conform to the politics of the other. All it means is that the two need to learn to accept each other for what they are, and not what the other wants them to be. We are two different countries, just like we are all individuals, no one country is all right and no one country is all wrong. They each have good and bad qualities and it is important to take both into consideration before condemning anyone. As a democracy, the United States should listen to its own freedom policies and let the Soviets be themselves.

On the lighter side



by Stephani Veff
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Soviet youths seem to have a greater knowledge of the problems and solutions to the cold war between the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. and many of them are rebelling against the traditions of their past generations.

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