

Writer's nightmare

Since I was in the second grade I have known what I wanted to do with my life. I used to run out to my favorite old apple tree and sitting on a gnarled bough, I would dream my favorite dream. Someday I would change the world with my pen. Yes, I was going to aspire to the great profession of a writer.

Domestic Issues



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When I was ten years old I had my first story published in a Sunday school magazine. I was thrilled. Finally I was on my way. Little did I really know about the reality of my dream profession. I still have barely dipped my feather into the writers ink, but I now know enough to know that my apple tree dream is fast turning into a nightmare!

Now I am aware that we writers are known as a temperamental lot, but that had little to do with my anger last week. My fury was not comely to look upon when I read my column and discovered that the last paragraph was not there.

Now considering myself a very up-to-date columnist I had composed last weeks piece of literary work on the computer. I had spent more time on that last paragraph than I had on the whole column. I was trying hard to get just the right effect. I wanted the

last sentence to be very thought provoking; the kind of sentence that made one sit back and bite their bottom lip while muttering to themselves, "Hmmm, I never thought of that before. I wonder which it really is." You see I was trying to leave my readers with the question of whether happy memories helped to make a secure person or whether a secure person.... Forget the point I was trying to make. If I write it out for you this paragraph will probably disappear too.

I'm still furious about this whole deal, probably because I haven't been able to pin the fault on anybody. If only I could yell at somebody I could get it out of my system. I thought sure the copy editor had cut that paragraph out because he hadn't been able to understand it. After all it was a rather mind boggling question I was dealing with.

Well when I angrily affronted our dear copy editor he looked at me with eyes full of wisdom and said, "I didn't touch your column, but if you want me to I'll take the blame." I stared at him, wondering if I had heard correctly. Through the confusion of my mind I faintly heard the supervisor say, "I'm sorry but the computer must of ate it."

This was the last straw. Why didn't anyone tell me about deadlines, and interviews with people who never show up. If I would have known all the headaches I would have never chose to be a writer. And now the computer eats my column! That's it. There, now, and forever, give up my childish dream. I will never allow my noble thoughts to become breakfast for any hungry computer. When they figure out a way to make a computer regurgitate then, and only then, will I pursue my dream.

Measure 5 a good choice

One of the most controversial ballot measures which will be decided on Nov. 8 is Ballot Measure Five. This ballot measure proposes a small tax on beer and cigarette purchases to support Oregon collegiate athletics.

According to opponents of the measure it is unfair to tax a small "politically vulnerable segment of Oregon's population and asks it to shoulder the burden of supporting programs (college athletic programs)." In short, what they are saying is that there are very few beer drinkers and cigarette smokers in Oregon and those few are of middle or low incomes.

That's not entirely true. The majority of the adults in this state drink and purchase beer and nearly a quarter of Oregon residents are cigarette smokers. Therefore, this tax would affect the majority of residents in the state.

Oregon's current beer tax is \$2.60 for each 31 gallon barrel. The proposed increase would push that tax to \$5.70 per barrel. That breaks down to an extra penny per can or bottle of beer. The current cigarette tax is 27 cents per pack. The tax would increase that tax to 28 cents, just one penny more per pack of cigarettes. The taxes would be collected at the retail level. These increases are not too much to ask of Oregon's adult population.

These numbers represent the smart choice for Measure Five. This extra penny will not be a burden on Oregon's taxpayers and it does send necessary funding towards college athletics. The smart vote is a "yes" vote on Ballot Measure Five.

Educated decision the best

With Nov. 8 approaching quickly, it seems as though you can't turn around without hearing or seeing something about the elections.

This is definitely the case with the presidential contest between Massachusetts Governor Michael Dukakis and Vice President George Bush.

A registered voter is expected to listen to these advertisements and select the man who should step into the highest position in the free world.

But, it doesn't stop there. Voters in each state are also subject to advertisements supporting or opposing ballot measures. Something, which could have as much of an affect on the lifestyles of the people of a certain state just as much as the selection of the next president of the United States.

Measure six would ban cigarette smoking in public places throughout the state. This includes restaurants, offices, and shopping malls. Measure six, in short, would eliminate smoking

Curran's Corner



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sections in these places.

Ballot Measure Seven, Oregon Rivers Initiative, is aimed at adding 11 Oregon rivers to the Oregon Scenic Waterways System and manage them for their scenic, recreational, fish, wildlife, and scientific values.

Ballot Measure Eight is one of the more heated issues in this election. It says "No state official should forbid the taking of any

personal action against any state employee based on the sexual orientation of such employee.

Throughout the election period, people are always being encouraged to vote. With close margins, like those on Ballot Measure Five and the tight margin in the presidential race, it is important for Oregonians to vote.

Furthermore, just voting is not the answer. Learning about the candidates and ballot measures and making an educated decision is the answer. Don't rely on what you read in the voter booth, conduct some research on your own and then make your choice.

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Student Opinions

What do you think about Ballot Measure 6, which would eliminate all designated smoking areas in public buildings and places of work?



"I think ballot measure #6 is a good idea, but not feasible at this point of time. To ban all smoking in public places is too drastic of a jump. They should work at it gradually, because smoking is an addiction, therefore people can't up and quit smoking. They have to work up to it gradually."
-Tye Phillips

"I think ballot measure #6 sucks, because if people don't like other people smoking they don't have to sit by them. They have a choice where they want to sit or stand. If Ballot Measure #6 passes, the people won't have a choice, and that's wrong."
-Bill Repp

"I think that everyone should have the right to smoke. Where they want to smoke should not be the problem. I think the measure is not going to solve anything. If anything, it will cause trouble. I don't think that smokers are bad people. We all have our habits. Smoking shouldn't be considered a bad one. It only condemns the people who do it. Vote no!"
-Edith Bauer

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a*		13.24	18.11	-4.34	-13.80	9.82	-33.43	34.26	11.81	48.55	-0.40	-0.60	-0.75	-1.06	-1.19	-1.07
b*		15.07	18.72	-22.29	22.85	-24.49	-0.35	59.60	-46.07	18.51	1.13	0.23	0.21	0.43	0.28	0.19
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