

Opinion

Athletic low

Controversy is good. It brings awareness to the surface and can breed constructive solutions.

"Pill-popping Athletes", Brad Boyer's controversial article in last week's Cougar Print, is a responsible piece of investigative reporting. Boyer talked with 19 different CCC athletes, six faculty and staff members from the athletic department and the CCC physician.

Quotes within the story are accurate. Figures published are quoted from the athletes and are not computations of a Cougar Print survey.

Society is aware that a majority of adolescents and adults have experienced drug and alcohol use at one time or another. The purpose of Boyer's article was not to re-acknowledge this "general" use. The purpose was to deal with the situation of an athlete using an amphetamine before participating in athletic competition.

The article was not intended as an attack on the athletic department. It identified a problem on campus through factual reporting.

It is unfortunate that some persons mistakenly interpreted the article as a direct charge.

Indian givers

The recent introduction in the Oregon state legislature of a measure to repeal Oregon's ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) may be the grossest example of regressive legislation in this state's history.

The introduction was requested by Rep. Drew Davis, D-Portland, and Rep. Jack Sumner, D-Heppner. Davis said he introduced the bill at the request of several constituents because those who want it reconsidered should be heard.

We seriously doubt that opponents of this legislation ever got a chance to speak their mind when the amendment was originally passed, and we question the validity of this measure.

There is some doubt whether a state can rescind an amendment it has already ratified. Hopefully this legislation won't be rescinded.

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letters

Validity questioned

To the Editor:

I read with interest the article by Brad Boyer on drug use among CCC athletes.

My initial reaction was an amused one for the article contained many inaccurate statements and it was a classic example of investigative reporting and the misuse of statistics.

I am certain that we have students in nearly all departments that have used, or are using "drugs" of some kind. Having observed individuals using speed and being familiar with its effect on performance and emotional response, it would have been nearly impossible for members of our football team to use it in the manner purported by Boyer in any game or practice situation without being apparent that something was up.

Furthermore, numerous football players approached me upset with the inaccuracies of the article.

I was also badly misquoted by Boyer. This coupled with the above remarks, gives me the assurance that Brad Boyer's conclusions were not found totally on fact, and need and deserve clarification.

Dale Newton
Head Football Coach

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