

# Maturity is student's duty

There are certain things that come with being a college student. Responsibility and maturity both easily qualify as some of those things. You could say it's a college student's responsibility to be mature. I'm bringing this up because last week something really incredible happened to me. I believe it was Monday when a guy, whom I remember from grade school, came



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up to me, called me by name and insulted me. It wasn't a necessarily strong nor harsh remark. I wasn't particularly hurt by this remark.

What I don't understand is what possessed this person, whose name I can't remember, to do this? I never talked to this person, but somehow he felt the need to throw out an insult.

Then, the answer came to me. Maturity. More accurately, a lack of maturity. Wouldn't you expect something more from a 20 to 21-year-old?

Let's look at the facts. I've never spoken to him. He's never spoken to me. I haven't seen him in about 8-10 years. I can't remember his name, however, he can apparently remember mine.

Need I say more about maturity?

It's about time that the Clackamas President's Council voted on the campus smoking issue. The President's Council is a group of administrators, including College President John Keyser, Assistant to the President David Dickson, and Acting Dean of College Services and Planning Gary Dirrim.

The smoking issue was scheduled for a vote in the May 16 council meeting. At yesterday's meeting, the council decided

that they would put the vote off until next Tuesday. How long is this really going to take.

And now it's time for another episode of "As the Valdez Spills." Believe it or not, the cleanup efforts in Alaska have come to a (temporary?) halt.

Meanwhile, the state of Alaska is charging former Valdez Captain Joseph Hazelwood on three counts of second degree criminal mischief.

The questions remain: Will we ever see a clean Alaska coast? Will we ever see a repaired Exxon Valdez? Will this mess ever end?

This week's GE Award (Genuine Excellence) goes to Assistant Dean of the Industrial Division Kit Youngren, who wins the Cheers' Norm Peterson look-a-like contest.

# Words evolve for reasons

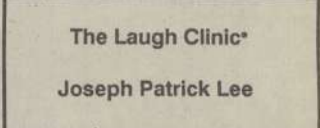
Words come into use in our language for many reasons. Take the word lynch, meaning to hang someone without proper trial. Captain William Lynch, was a member of a vigilance committee in Pennsylvania, Virginia in 1780 when the lawless practice of lynching was practiced under his auspices.

Then there was gerrymander, derived from Elbridge Gerry, Vice president of the United States from 1813-1814, who redistricted Essex County, Massachusetts, to obtain a majority in as many districts as possible. Gerry + salamander (the shape of Essex County) = gerrymander.

These word-coinaiges have a ghoulis, macabre connotation, evoking mob-like insanity images such as described in "Les Miserable" or sleazy, dirty-tricks machinations in the world of politics which seems to spawn several examples in almost every Administration of our fair Government. Not one has been without such a blemish in the 200 years of our existence as a Republic.

In recent years, a plethora of phrases and expressions have erupted in the wake of events and happenings of one nature or the other. Many are derived from the street crimes headlining the news. We now have "crack-houses" and "pot-heads", and "mainliners."

The word I have in mind is a positive one. A word to use whenever an image of



all the best is to be conjured. A short succinct expression like "Have a nice day" to put a verbal pat on the back of a friend or even a stranger, for that matter. It costs nothing, and the dividends pour in from all directions.

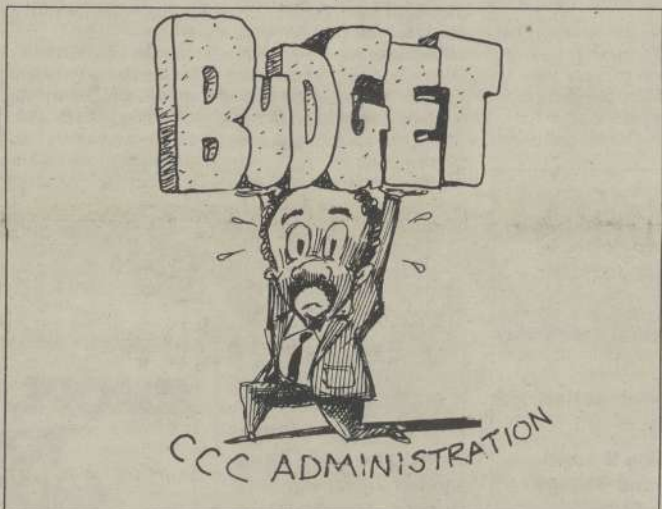
The other day this word came to me while I was talking to my good and dear friend, Lila. Lila is petite, pretty, intelligent, brightly intellectual, articulate. She is wonderful to enjoy a walk with, have a meal with, seriously discuss important issues with, laugh and be joyful with. In a word, an ideal companion.

In keeping with custom, "Lila" should be part of the word and immediately bring to mind all those aforementioned attributes.

So now, whenever I wish to describe quickly a person who measures up to my Lila, I describe the person, event, the weather, the day in general, and a myriad of other phenomena as "Delilaful." You may have to meet my Lila to agree with my notion of the meaning of "delilaful" but I am sure you would agree with me.

I suggest you look among your inventory of friends and acquaintances and experiences, you'll find a use for this wonderful adjective.

It beats the hell out of "lynch" and "gerrymander" and those other "cruddy," "suzzy" "toe-jammy" words, doesn't it?



# Student Opinions

How do you feel International Week went?



I didn't participate due to classes.  
- Dale Coleman



I thought International Week went very well.  
- Dena Swartort



I thought International Week went very well. The food and activities were great.  
- Kelly Rearch



I really enjoyed the food and activities, but it seemed a little disorganized from the standpoint of one's being able to attend--conflicting with classes, etc. It's too bad we couldn't just shut down classes for a couple of hours so everyone could attend!  
- Eliissa McGarry

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