

Social Science Secretary slips on unsafe stairs

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Social Science Department Secretary Beth Hodgkinson recently sprained the tendons in her ankle when she slipped on the back Barlow stairs heading out to the parking lot.

Was this a simple accident or was it a result of a safety hazard?

People who walk those and other stairs around the area know that accidents can happen if there is water on your feet or on the stairs themselves.

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be really bad, especially at McLoughlin. I've slipped on those before," said ASG Promotional Director Tony Halford.

The accident happened Tuesday, Nov. 12. Hodgkinson, though slightly embarrassed by the incident, feels they can be dangerous. "I slipped on the last step of the

first flight. Dr. Epstein was walking with me and he slipped, too, but managed to catch himself," she said.

"I fell wrong. My ankle just twisted back into a bad position," Hodgkinson said. She is luckier than she might think. It could have easily happened higher up and a long tumble could have injured her much more seriously.

She took this to Personnel to see what could be done. Custodian George Sims says things are in the process of being done to correct the situation. The wet season is upon us now, so whatever they plan on doing better be done soon before there is another accident.

The easiest way to fix the problem would be to put something on top of the slick concrete, preferably something abrasive. Another thing that would help would be to put floor mats inside the door so that water isn't dragged in as bad.

So when you have that big final in English 104, you might just want to stop thinking so hard on your test and concentrate just a little to make sure you have secure footing.

KKK wizard runs for governor

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Note:

This article was submitted to The Clackamas Print before the David Duke-Edwin Edwards election took place.

As you know, David Duke is running for the governorship of Louisiana. But why are we concerned about Louisiana?

You see, David Duke, prior to being a politician, was a Klansman. He was at one point the Grand Wizard of the Ku Klux Klan, which still exists today. He is an openly white supremacist who wants to "return" America to its "heritage" and its "way of life." What "heritage?" What "way of life?" As far as I am concerned, this guy gets no respect, and he shouldn't. Not even President Bush will support him. So how come he is doing so well?

It really comes from playing upon middle-class fears. You see, the South was, and probably still is, the homebase of the KKK. The KKK is a secret society that promotes white supremacy aggressively by terrorizing blacks and other minorities by violence. It has been around off and on, and its history

traces back to just after the Civil War, during the Reconstruction period. But anyway, the middle class fears that the lower classes will prey on them.

It also comes about by a fear of economic hardships. We are currently, even though President Bush might not admit it, in a recession. The problem is, that even though we might not like to think so, there are social classes in the United States, just as there are in the United Kingdom. There are upper classes, middle classes, and lower classes here in the States. (The terminology is a lot simpler in Jolly Olde England-royalty, nobility, and the commoners, everyone in their place.) Not that it hasn't always been there. (In every society, there have been social classes. But in societies of the past, there was one slight drawback, no social mobility.

He's even in trouble with Bryan Adams for using his megahit, "(Everything I Do) I Do It For You," (off the Robin Hood sound-track) which spent 7 weeks at No. 1 not too long ago (first time that happened since 1983), as a political fight song, without his permission. (I heard that song more than enough times to know that "(Everything I Do) I Do It For

You" is not meant for political purposes, but as a love song. And the best one of all.) But that's the least of Duke's concerns.

My opinion? Duke should not be Louisiana's next governor. If Duke wins the race, then the time draws near for racists to unite and fight to "return" America to a new Dark Age, made possible by the perverted light of "economic justice." And Duke is off to a good start. Already, three out of five people in a recent survey said that they know who Duke is. Ironically, that is more than any Democratic candidate for President. And even more ironic, one out of four actually like Duke.

This is of real concern to Oregonians because the Northwest, which is a hotbed for Neo-Nazis (basically the Klan). What the Neo-Nazis want to do is make a white homeland out of the Northwest from their base in Hayden Lake, Idaho (which is north of Coeur D'Alene, a city of 25,000). Now, should Duke win, the Neo-Nazis could find themselves (this is only theoretical) ready for political power in Idaho, Washington, and Oregon, possibly the rest of the United States as well. This would then plunge us back to the days of racism.

DuKKKe loses; have we heard the last chapter?

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Disaster was narrowly averted this weekend when Edwin Edwards rallied from a deficit in the polls to defeat David Duke in the governor's race in Louisiana.

Duke, former Klansman and Nazi, wanted us to believe that his radical past was just part of a troubled youth. He wanted us to believe that he has renounced racism, the KKK and Nazism. Right.

So we must ask the question: Can a leopard change his spots, or just remove the swastika?

Well, Duke tells us he left the Klan in 1980. True, but the former Grand Wizard of the KKK left to form the National Association for the Advancement of White People. Some transformation. In fact, some former Klan members have suggested that Duke may have been forced out for being too anti-semitic.

Duke's statement that "Jews deserve to go into the ashbin of history," came in 1986. In 1987, Duke was arrested for disrupting a civil rights march in Georgia. As late as 1989, Duke was selling cassettes of songs with titles such as "Niggers Never Die."

In fact, just from watching Duke on TV the last few weeks, I was baffled that anyone could possibly believe this man had undergone any transformation. I heard Duke try to drag down Edwards by comparing him to several prominent politicians. Jimmy Carter? Ted Kennedy? Mike Dukakis? No. The names mentioned were Jesse Jackson, Martin Luther King and Nelson and Winnie Mandela. Interesting that Duke couldn't think of any white politicians he had no respect for.

I did hear Duke talk of ending racism. Racism through affirmative action, welfare, the college scholarship program and the tax

structure. Of course, all of this racism, according to Duke, has been perpetuated against whites. Duke would also like to close our borders to immigration, and he opposes the recently passed civil rights bill. Maybe Duke is right on some of these issues, but aren't there any laws to pass that don't sound like they're out of the KKK handbook?

OK, Duke is a bigot and an idiot. But we've had those run for office before (remember Lyndon LaRouche?). What makes Duke so scary is that he was nearly a U.S. Senator and now was nearly a Governor.

So, who, besides Duke, is to blame?

For starters, how about the State of Louisiana itself?

Actually, Duke didn't lose because of his moral downfalls. In fact, he nearly won because of them.

I was in Louisiana during Duke's senatorial quest. I knew several Duke supporters. Every Duke supporter I knew was considered a racist by his peers. When I asked one of them if he truly believed Duke had changed since his Nazi days, he told me "if I believed that, I wouldn't vote for him." I don't believe that anyone who voted for Duke isn't racist himself.

Louisiana has brought us many disreputable politicians in the past. Huey and Earl Long and even the twice-indicted Edwards himself. After Louisiana passed an anti-abortion law, one state legislator was asked why there were no provisions for pregnancies involving incest. His response was typical of Louisiana politics, saying that "we get some of our best horses through in-breeding."

In truth, Duke lost because of the inevitable economic backlash his election would have brought. The state would have lost millions of dollars because of tourist losses, and boycotts of industries, conven-

tions and sporting events.

Exit polls have indicated that 83 per cent of voters in Louisiana would strongly consider voting for him for president. Sounds as if the Duke message didn't fall on deaf ears.

One could even argue that Duke's viewpoints were a product of the rich, racist traditions of his home state.

Citizens of Louisiana, please leave the 19th century before the rest of us enter the 21st.

But who else is to blame for the Duke success?

Well, Duke ran for state offices with KKK backing in 1975 and '79. He ran a miserable campaign for the presidency in '88.

But now, Duke has a role model. The less-radical, conservative campaign that plays on the fears of White America with thinly-veiled,

racially-loaded language.

This example was set by none other than George Bush. Bush's '88 campaign featured the revolving prison door ad that showed only blacks and hispanics as convicts. It also used suggestive crime, drug and ghetto references which were only slightly removed from Duke's beliefs.

Bush himself burns the candle at both ends. He publicly opposed Duke (albeit half-heartedly), he signed a civil rights bill that he defeated for years because it was now politically advantageous to sign it. And he appointed a black man to the Supreme Court.

Actually, Clarence Thomas has the worst record on civil rights of any Bush/Reagan appointee to the Court. His nomination was opposed by the NAACP. Then, when

the heat was on, he accused the Democrats of trying to defeat Thomas because he was black. Right.

By the way, Duke supported the nomination of Thomas.

So, Bush has the best of both worlds. He has appointed a black man who will advance his own borderline racist views. He has left the door open for the black vote in '92 while doing nothing for minorities. And he's set the stage for David Duke while publicly denouncing him.

Thank you, David DuKKKe. Thank you, George Bush. Thank you, Louisiana. You all scared the hell out of me, and I have a feeling we haven't heard the last chapter.

Duke may run for the White House again in 1992. Then we may find out how many racists there are in this country. Then again, they may vote for Bush.

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