

News Briefs

Poets read work in theatre

Diane Averill and Sandra Williams will read their work today, April 22, in the McLoughlin Hall Theatre from 11 to 11:50 a.m. and will answer questions from the audience between noon and 12:30 p.m.

Drop deadline approaches

May 9 is the last day CCC students can drop classes without responsibility for a grade.

See the stars at Clackamas

The observatory at the John Inskip Environmental Learning Center is open to the public every clear Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. Admission is \$1.50 per person.

Graduates must apply

Students planning to complete their program of study at the end of Spring term should have petitions on file in the Registrar's Office now.

Help is here for abuse

Family Support Volunteers are needed. Parents Anonymous of Oregon is a child abuse prevention program which offers support groups and a 24-hour telephone "Helpline." Volunteers are needed for a two-hour children's group meeting, once a week at locations throughout the community. Complete training is provided for the "Helpline" that can be answered from the volunteer's home during one four-hour shift per week. There are opportunities of internships and practicums. More information is available from Jan McGrath at 238-8819.

Health insurance in ASG

Student health insurance is available on a term or yearly basis can be purchased by the third Friday of each term. For more about this type of insurance, students can contact the Student Activities Office.

Camp Fire offers child care

Camp Fire Community Childcare is available on campus, at the Orchard Center. Those interested can call 657-6683. Those who need financial assistance, other child care in the community, can call 253-5000.

Senators are selected

Congratulations to new ASG senators David Brownscombe, Bernice Evans and Donna Knight.

Writers club awards excellence

Writers Club awards ceremony will be held on May 4 at 2 p.m. in the Community Center Boardroom. Winners and honorable mentions will be presented certificates of achievement. Cake and coffee will be served.

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Lecture: Dams are threatening to salmon

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million each, only about half of those planned have been installed.

Another adverse effect caused by the dams is the length of time it takes the smolts that do survive to reach the ocean. The smolts have a "biological window" of about 30 days to reach the ocean once they start to migrate downstream. If they do not reach the ocean in this time, they have a very high mortality in the ocean and can lose the urge to spawn. Before the dams were built, the smolt could make the trip from the Salmon River in Idaho to the Pacific in 10 to 20 days, now it takes 30 to 60.

Although the plight of the salmon is grim at this time, there are reasons to be optimistic. All the groups involved, including the Bonneville Power Administration, agree that the salmon need to be saved and at least for now are willing to work together.

We're being tough not to care

By Greg Tully
Staff Writer

Today is Earth Day, so I thought I might throw my two cents in.

This is an election year, and as if there weren't enough reasons already, George Bush's environmental record is another reason to "throw the bum out."

George, the self-proclaimed "environmentalist," has just defeated a measure which would have required Mexico to clean up their environmental record before their new free-trade agreement between our two countries could go into effect.

He is also trying to loosen restrictions on the slaughter of elephants in Africa. It seems their population actually went on the upswing for a couple of years, for the first time in memory, and George decided to put an end to that.

The Republican party has for years told us that the environment is not really in danger, that it is all propaganda. They say that not even

the scientific community can come together to say that the ozone layer is being depleted.

And so, they trot out a scientist or two to tell us "Don't worry, be happy."

The sad truth is, however, that these scientists are the equivalent of the one dentist in five who didn't recommend sugarless gum.

Moreover, the tobacco industry can also produce "experts" who

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don't believe that cigarettes are bad for us.

Common sense tells us to listen to the voices of reason.

Today, Arkansas Governor Bill Clinton is giving a speech on the environment. It is important to listen because this will be the alternative to four more years of kissing our environment good-bye.

Is one day a year enough?

New attitude calls end to neglect

by Nolan Kidwell
News Editor

Earth Day is not a day that I place a whole lot of importance on.

I know that many people would be shocked and angry at such a statement. It is true, though.

I say that Earth Day is not that significant, not because of what it stands for. I agree almost a hundred percent with the idea that this planet needs a lot of help. But, do people really think that taking one day out of the year to clean up the planet is going to make much of an impact on the problem?

The general populace, not just of this country, but of the globe, have treated the environment like one of my best friends treats his room.

He's not a real organized person and he has a very busy schedule. He stops in at his house just for a couple of minutes to grab a bite to eat and to drop some things off. He is also into collecting things like baseball cards and model trains.

After a while, though, all of the collecting and dropping things off gets out of hand and his room begins to become a mess. It gets to the point that he can no longer even get to his bed, which has long since been buried with knickknacks

and personal debris. He starts to sleep in the reclining chair, because he cannot get through the door. He uses it as a place just to put stuff that he doesn't want to throw away. He opens the door just enough to see the stuff piled up across his room doesn't spill out past the threshold of the door, and he drops whatever item which he wants to dispose of inside. Then he promptly closes the door, and everything is happy.

Every two or three months, he decides that maybe his system is not working so well. So he calls up

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my mom, who used to clean houses professionally, and begs her to come clean his room at \$10 an hour. It normally takes my mom about four hours to clean a whole house. It takes her six or seven hours to just

And I have a feeling I know which side four out of five experts will recommend.

And, although nothing is as beautiful to me as miles of clear-cut woodland, I must also take sides against the timber industry.

While I believe in protecting jobs, I would like to have air to breathe in my old age.

It is sadly ironic that far more jobs could be created through environmental clean-up, recycling and conservation.

And by the way, just what will timber workers do when they have cut down every tree on Earth?

I guess then they will go to work in toxic waste storage or dumping garbage into the ocean.

If you're wondering, the reasons we are having environmental problems and unemployment are the do-nothing administration of King George and over-population. Stop those problems and we might just survive.

clean his room.

This is how we, as humans, treated the earth for the last few centuries. The only problem is that we don't have someone like my mom to clean it all up in a quick six-hour streak. The humans have destroyed their home...the earth. Why is it our home? We are in charge of this place. Our species tends to dominate the decision-making process on this planet when it comes to the environment.

I agree that Earth Day has definitely brought about an awareness of the problem. But one day a year is not going to change anything. The slogan "Earth Day Everyday" is not going to change anything either, unless we make a change in our attitudes. Attitude is everything. Unfortunately, very few people have the attitude that an effort needs to be made to conserve the earth.

It is true that no one really wants to live in a place thriving with pollution, and most people do not set out to destroy the environment. The problem is and has been that no one has set out not to destroy the earth.

People, we don't need a one day a year to consider cleaning things up, we need a new attitude.

