

News In Brief

compiled by Vicki Welch

Classes beginning after 1 p.m. on Nov. 24 have been cancelled. However, the library and media services will remain open as usual.

The Art Department is starting a goodwill project for the campus which will provide a "framing service" for art in offices or public spaces. The department can offer suggestions of where to purchase prints. Work for public spaces must go through the Campus Art Committee. For more information, call the Art Department at ext. 2386.

There is a club fair today in the CC mall from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Clackamas Print is now accepting submissions of short fiction and poetry for publication in a future issue. Bring your submissions to Barlow 104.

Clackamas is hosting an evening of instrumental jazz Nov. 17 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in the Gregory Forum. The concert features the Willamette University Jazz Ensemble, the Clackamas Community Jazz Ensemble and Portland saxophone artist Jeff Homan. Tom Wakeling will direct both ensembles. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$2 for students, senior citizens are free. For more information, call Jean Marshall at ext. 2434.

The Oregon State Police is looking for people interested in 1994 summer work through their Cadet Program and is accepting applications through Dec. 31. The employment time is from mid-June through the first week of September. The starting salary is \$7.83 per hour. If interested, applications

may be picked up at any Oregon State Police office.

The College is offering a Men, Women & Relationships Seminar Nov. 19 and 20 in Barlow Hall, Room 114. Counselor David Campbell will present ways to identify factors within that foster healthy or unhealthy relationships and examine common roads leading to better communication between the sexes. The cost is \$15 for singles, \$25 for couples. For more information, call ext. 2266.

The Literacy Council is seeking volunteer tutors to help students with basic reading and/or math skills. No experience is necessary. There is a nine-hour training program provided. Schedules for sessions are arranged by the tutor and student. For more information, call Laurie Blakely at ext. 2591.

Volunteers are needed to organize and produce the Portland metro area's International Women's Day on March 6, 1994. For more information, call 231-1604. For more information call the International Women's Day Committee at 777-2761.

The Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education is offering an opportunity for students who are studying computer science, engineering, physics, environmental and lifesciences, mathematics, or physical science to do hands-on research with some of the nation's top scientists. For more information, contact Science and Engineering Research Semester; 901 D Street, SW; Suite 201 A; Washington, D.C., 20024 or call (202) 488-2426.

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Discrimination, persecution lie at the end of Oregon Trail

■ The OCA finally has its way with Oregon City voters

by Frank Jordan
Staff Writer

People in search of a better place moved westward along the Oregon Trail a century-and-a-half ago to escape discrimination and persecution to get to a place that they regarded to be a safe haven for all those that chose to come.

One hundred and fifty years later, discrimination and persecution have now returned to the city at the end of the Oregon Trail, good ol' Oregon City. On Nov. 9, the voters of Oregon City essentially told the homosexual community that they will not be welcome anymore.

The voters passed Ballot Measure 3-1, another Oregon Citizens Alliance-sponsored initiative, which bans any government entity within the city limits from promoting or encouraging homosexuality in any form.

But what exactly does "any government entity" mean? It means city government, the school district, and lo and behold, Clackamas Community College, which falls within the Oregon City city limits.

The OCA, in an attempt to control the citizens of Oregon, one city and one county at a time, have finally convinced enough voters in Oregon City that the so-called "homosexual agenda," in the OCA's feeble, one-tracked minds, is going to take over the lives of its citizenry.

The single, solitary question through this whole gay-rights mess remains: what gives the OCA, let alone our elected government officials, the right to tell law-abiding citizens how to live their private lives? The Constitution of the United States guarantees certain freedoms to all of its citizens, including freedom of speech and freedom of ex-

pression.

The OCA, in their attempt to push their morals on everyone else, wants to keep homosexuals from their basic rights as Americans. Whose morals are we talking about, anyway? One person's morals may be immoral to someone else. As long as the law of the land is not broken, then no harm is done.

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and actions that I hate about the Oregon Citizens Alliance, this is one thing that I do agree with them on.

What gives the state of Oregon, or any other state or the federal government, the right to take the voting power away from the people. A government of the people, by the people and for the people, except when the people pass anti-gay laws via the ballot box? Although people are downright stupid for voting for blatant discrimination

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prepared. Certain things that you have taken for granted on our somewhat open-minded campus, may not be so welcome anymore. Gay and lesbian support groups that meet on campus may not be able to use college facilities to hold meetings, any club involving gay/lesbian students may not be able to receive club monies from the Associated Student Government, and other more drastic things that we have heard about in the past just might be able to happen. Removal of library materials discussing homosexuality in even a neutral light, even, God forbid, gay/lesbian students not being able to register for classes. I know that sounds incredibly harsh and extremely unlikely, but you never know...

The Oregon Legislature, in its last session, passed a law forbidding local governments from enforcing anti-gay laws passed at the polls by voters. This law is being challenged in court by the OCA, and for all of the stupid, insidious ideas

against a select few people because of their private lifestyle, the state should not penalize the people just because they did not vote a certain way.

The state of Oregon is gearing up for another ugly election fight on this issue next year. The OCA will put another initiative on the 1994 general election ballot. It will be just like last year's Measure Nine, except this time it will be more watered-down to try to appeal to a wider range of the state's electorate.

I would like to propose something to the OCA (Lon, I hope you are reading this): When the voters of the entire state of Oregon vote your watered-down version of Measure Nine down again next year, will you finally say enough and give up? I know that this challenge is futile, but will you give it some thought, please? I know that you will keep trying until the voters finally say enough. Then you can move somewhere else and push your moral agenda there.

Letter to Editors: Vandalism needless

To the Editor,

It seems that hatred is not gone. I am speaking of the craven defacement of the PFLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) posters on Oct. 18.

Here we are on a college campus, supposedly a haven for free thought and one of the last bastions of tolerance in society, where "alternative views," to coin an over-used phrase, are encouraged as part of the learning process.

Then along comes a group of sub-human ignorants who decide that their own ingrained fears and hatreds of those who they view as "different" take precedence over other human beings' rights. It

shows exactly what kind of Neanderthal mentality we're dealing with. Not only the vandalism, but the fact that they had to creep about under the cover of darkness, like cockroaches after a crumb, that points out exactly how cowardly this act was.

They knew they were wrong. Why else would they do this under stealth? You want to express your views on homosexuality? Fine — do it where people can confront you, out in the open. How long do any of you think a pro-Nazi, pro-hate poster would hold up? Probably about two seconds, if that.

I am appalled that this fortress of free speech has been so assaulted by the fires of cowardice,

hate and fear. Grow up people. The Spanish Inquisition is over. Hitler was a raving lunatic, and most of us are intelligent enough to respect a view or opinion opposing to our own. Why don't you try it?

Phil Johnson

Clackamas student

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