

Remembering Roger Rook

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Former CCC Board of Directors member Roger Rook, icon to many, died of congestive heart failure March 31 at age 75.

After spending 12 years working as Clackamas County's district attorney, Rook joined the college's newly founded board of education in 1971. He spent 32 years volunteering his time and wisdom as one of the board's members.

"He was an extraordinary man who always carried his sense of humor with him," said former CCC President John Keyser. "He was one of the best and longest-standing board members in Oregon."

To colleagues, Rook was a highly respected, professional, knowledgeable man who would at times sit through meetings and breathe no more than a simple "yes" or "no."

According to Dr. John Hakanson, the college's founding president, "When he did have something to say, he said it, and there was nobody around him who would argue with him."

In February, Rook's health problems, including two heart attacks



ROGER ROOK

and his battle with cancer, forced him to step down from his position and retire.

He will be remembered as a man of vast intellectual capacity, integrity and kindness. He will be greatly missed by everyone whose lives were touched by him at one time or another.

Rook is survived by Audrey, his wife of 49 years, his brother Bill of Beardsley, Minn., his sister Ruth of Ridgefield, Wash., and his five children and their families, including 12 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

At Rook's request, no memorial service will be held.

Donations and gifts may be sent to the Roger Rook Endowment scholarship fund here at the college.

No directions in 'Mate Map'

Businessman's book on relationships does nothing but state the obvious

Marvin Baker

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As my welcome back to the paper, our lovely and talented Editor-in-Chief handed me an e-mail regarding something called "The Mate Map." I was so excited I bought new cologne. Turns out, this thing is a book. There are no directions to girls anywhere in it.

To further frustrate my efforts in understanding this "Mate Map," Steven Sacks, the author, has yet to respond to any of my phone calls for an interview. In the end, I have been forced to rely on information available on the internet and what I could glean from a hurried reading of the author's column in "Seventeen" magazine while waiting in line at Albertson's.

FYI, the author is a grown man who spends a measure of his time writing to an audience of underage girls about love and relationships. Here in Oregon, the state police like to keep tabs on that sort of thing, so I checked the area code of the author's phone number and it came back as Durham, North Carolina. Go figure.

This is what I have been able to decipher from a limited amount of

information: Young people aren't very adept at choosing mates. The ones who do, usually do so for the wrong reasons, i.e., physical attraction and sex, and when they think they have found their one and only they are usually mistaken. This is pretty groundbreaking stuff. Then, the author goes on to explain that there are three areas of mate compatibility that need to be fulfilled for a truly long-lasting commitment in a relationship: Personality Fit, Magnetism, and Love. Hurray for Captain Obvious.

In chapter one of the book the author states, "Over the years, each of us has had to learn through experience how to deal with dating and relationships." After coming across this little tidbit on the book's website, I checked the author's biography. Mister Sacks has a degree in business and has worked for 10 years in the Fortune 100 world of companies where he has "honed his analytic skills."

All right guys, now I myself don't have a degree in business, and most of the life lessons I have to offer are more along the lines of don't-let-this-happen-to-you, but I believe one of the reasons why dating is an exercise in patient experimentation is because emotional experience and love is a

journey, not a destination. Granted, it's a trip some people take by themselves, but I don't feel it can be condensed into a formula that has withstood the rigors of the business world.

The people I know who are successful in love, relationships and marriage are so because that is what they have chosen. They haven't packed up and bolted when things have gotten difficult with their partners, and they certainly don't convert that warm squishy feeling into pie charts regarding the six aspects of relational compatibility, which I am sad to say you apparently have to read the entire book to discover.

This is not to dispute the need for reasoned discourse in a relationship, but knowing when and where is more important than how. The last time I asked my former spouse how she felt about me staying late at work to polish a bottle of scotch with my boss, she laid that dainty little palm of hers across my face, which is a lesson that there is a time and a place for analytical procedure.

If you want my opinion, watch what other successful couples do and follow their example. It will probably take more time to arrive yourself, but getting there is most of the fun.

Pathways to Peace advocates against domestic violence

Elisabeth Meyer

Feature Editor

The college will host Pathways to Peace, a 5K run/walk Sunday, May 18.

The event, which is in its fourth year, is a fundraiser for Clackamas Women's Services, a local nonprofit organization that works with families affected by domestic violence.

"It's really empowering for past participants (of the programs at

CWS) to see that the community supports them," said Tammy Turner, development coordinator at CWS.

Other attractions include a display of exotic pets, magicians, jugglers and clowns. Refreshments will be available for purchase after the walk. The event "is becoming more and more family friendly," said Turner, reporting that many of the participants are young kids. She encourages parents to bring strollers, wagons or kids' bikes.

Ten silhouettes of recent domestic

violence victims will be on display, as well as t-shirts created by sexual abuse survivors participating in the Clothesline Project.

Registration, which includes a t-shirt and snacks, costs \$10 before May 5. Participants may register the day of the event for \$15. Forms are available in the Dye Learning Center and the Community Center. Kids under six can attend for free.

Participation in the event has risen steadily from its first head count of 65. Last year, close to 300

participated. This year, Turner is hoping for 500 walkers.


Turner characterizes the event as positive. "It's very powerful and thought-provoking as well as a lot of fun," she said. Although it draws attention to something negative, she says, the event creates hope for participants.

"It sends a message of 'this is what's happening,'" Turner said, "but it also says 'this is what's happening and look what you're doing to help.'"

CWS evolved from a program


started at CCC in 1977 for women then referred to as "displaced homemakers." Community members who got involved with the program formed Clackamas Women's Center, which began a crisis hotline and opened a shelter. After internal disagreements, the program disbanded and the shelter was closed for nearly a year. In 1986, the program evolved into Clackamas Women's Services, which maintains the shelter and now handles 5,000 a year on the crisis hotline.

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