

Blazer fans: show some love

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Attention all of you so-called Trail Blazer wannabe out there: As my grandfather used to say, if you don't see anything constructive to say, don't say it at all. I have to say that because as the Blazer blogs and chat pages, along with *The Oregonian's* sports pages, I am getting sick of people who claim to be fans of our only major professional sports franchise ripping a hole in this team every single year. If it isn't the fact that the Blazers have missed the playoffs two years in a row, it's the fact that the Blazers correctly hired a coach who was a good coach, but unfortunately not a good coach.

tan areas. Look at our neighbors to the north. Until this season, the Seattle SuperSonics had a hit-and-miss existence as an NBA franchise. But just as the NBA season was ending, Seattle sports fans had another distraction just beginning their season, the Mariners. Then when the baseball season winded to a close, the Seahawks would begin another NFL season. One of those teams was bound to have a decent season, so the Emerald City sports junkie could get a satisfactory fix. Not so in River City. The Blazers are really all we have. And if you are like me, you seem to live and die with the boys in red and black.

has ended, and all of the naysayers have come out from under their rocks to utter all that is bad, while offer-

ing no solutions as to what good should happen. The Blazers will be good again, but it may not happen for a while.

It should begin with a coach who knows the game and who can be a disciplinarian. Flip Saunders had a good run as the Minnesota Timberwolves' coach and the Blazers should offer some of Paul Allen's bankroll to this guy. He would be a great choice and the true fans of the team would embrace him. The false fans would wait for the next indiscretion.

Keep Shareef Abdur-Rahim and trade Zach Randolph. Tell Darius Miles to earn some of the \$48 million that this team foolishly signed him for last summer, and if he wants to tell the new coach to f*** off during a film session, then waive him. Say goodbye to Damon Stoudamire and Derek Anderson, who have been solid players and good citizens, but

who have worn out their welcome in the Rose City. Sign Joel Przybilla to an extension, and give Theo Ratliff the time he needs to heal his injuries.

Hand the ball and the reins of the team to Sebastian Telfair and give the young man all the support in the world. Hold on to Travis Outlaw, this kid is going to be the next Jermaine O'Neal and we all know what happened to O'Neal with a little playing time.

This team is going in the right direction. The play of the team was very encouraging in the latter stages of the season. The wins were not there, but they will come in time.

So to all of the bandwagon fans out there: Give the team your support during the good times and the bad. Every NBA team has had good and bad stretches during their existences, and the good times will come around again for our beloved Blazers. Everyone is entitled to their opinion, but some people, including myself, would love to hear solutions, not the bitchiness that we read every day.

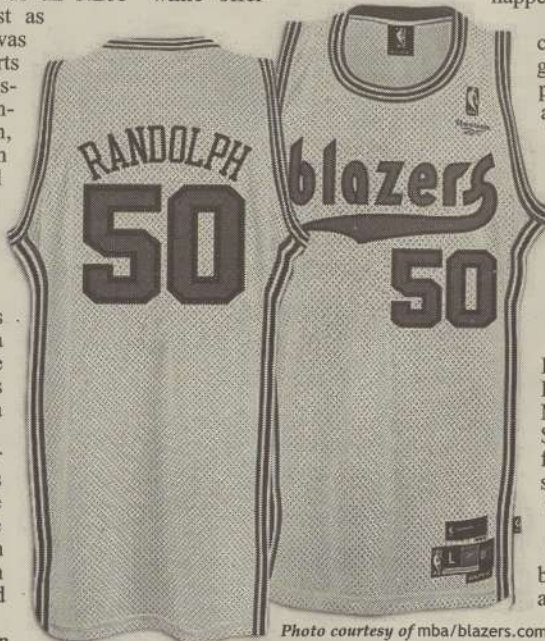


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Actions speak louder than 'free love'

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Before I get into this too far, let me at least attempt to cover the hippies by saying that vegans and people who are interested in environmentalism, government policies, war on drugs, gay rights and homemade clothes are not necessarily hippies. With that out of the way, I would like to make it perfectly clear that I cannot stand the hippy folk. The purposes of this article I will make abundantly clear that I consider hippies to be a kind of people who preach acceptance, love, peace, feminism and all of the high ideals, for some reason don't actually live to their chosen philosophies, who in some cases have a blatant unabashed disregard for any type of authority whatsoever.

First of all, love and acceptance are not love. I love my mother. I accept the fact that I will never be a great basketball player. I do not howl and go around telling everyone how I need to love and accept anybody's view without restriction. Stop wash! Absolute nonsense! If you were to, say, have a con-

versation with one of these hippies about global politics, and ask their opinion of President Bush, I would be willing to bet that there would be passion in that hippy's eyes, and not of a sexual nature. Hippies don't accept the viewpoints of their opposition or love everyone on the planet, nor should they.

would have turned out bad ... very bad.

And love! Ha! Free love is such a farce. All these hippy girls run around saying things like "Oh, everybody deserves love! Love somebody, anybody today!" Ridiculous!

If some slovenly omnivore or, heaven forbid, a carnivore were to approach one of these raw food-munching ninnies on the street and ask her to bed, or maybe just on a date, it may come as a shock, but free love is definitely NOT for everyone.

Free love is for the beautiful, anorexic, dreadlocked simpletons whose brain functions are limited to smoking pot and protesting the illegality of the pot they are smoking.

Blah, blah, blah. Rant, rant, rant.

The point of this uselessness is that if you cannot like the government, don't just sit around complaining about it. Take action, you waste of flesh! Don't just walk around with a petition to clean up the parks; go to the lousy park and pick up the beer bottles your friends left while you were having a portabella mushroom barbecue.

Mainly, you smelly baboon, quit bitching about things, and get them taken care of. And for heaven's sake quit smoking so much damn pot!



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Sometimes, acceptance is not the best policy at all. If, for instance, people during WWII had accepted Hitler's view on the Jews, that

Letters to the Editor

March article on part-time faculty incomplete coverage

Believe it or not, I haven't had a chance to e-mail you since the Part Time Faculty Recognition Ceremony in March but I was really disappointed with the article that was written.

First of all, the article explaining the event was missing. I thought there would be a write-up of some sort stating the who, what, where, why, when and how.

Secondly, the picture didn't have any Part Time Faculty in it and the captions were not accurate. The people in the picture were all Full-time Faculty, which defeats the purpose. Part Timers are not recognized regularly on this campus.

To top it off, the article above our picture was of your newspaper staff's retreat. It was a huge article and picture of you guys. Our annual Part Time Faculty recognition seemed like more of a priority than your training/conference.

It was just really disappointing because lots of people e-mailed me, asking what the event was.

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