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The Governor's Lead Balloon

We most definitely do not think that tax money should be used to bail out lagging athletic programs at Oregon, Oregon State and Portland State.

Athletic departments at the three schools apparently are in deep financial trouble and Gov. McCall has suggested that the taxpayers bail them out.

This is not one of the governor's better ideas.

At a time when tax measures are becoming increasingly difficult to sell, we couldn't care less if halfbacks at the state's schools are not being supported in the style to which they'd like to be accustomed.

College athletics supposedly are for the students but that fiction long since has evaporated. Big-college athletes are professionals in every sense.

The point is made, of course, that

Football and basketball and track won't suffer, whatever happens, but swimming and crew and wrestling will be cut back; therefore public funds should be used.

Nonsense. If the tax treasury is opened up, minor sports still will tag along on a beer budget while football and basketball will get the champagne.

If my tax monies are to be used so that Oregon and Oregon State (and Washington and Washington State) can beat Southern Cal occasionally, this would be the year's worst bargain.

There are an infinite number of priorities which rank higher than intercollegiate athletics. We hope legislators quickly puncture this particular lead balloon.

New way to get doctors?

An old idea with a new twist—almost unbelievably simple—appears to be a way to get new doctors established in the medical profession, especially in parts of Oregon where doctors would rather not locate.

We recently noticed in the Blue Mountain Eagle at John Day—Grant County's only newspaper—where a medical student in Illinois was asking if the community would help underwrite the cost of his education if, in turn, he would settle there afterward to open his practice.

It's like the old indentured servant business of 200 years ago when persons would immigrate to America with the moving costs paid by a

sponsoring family here. The newcomer would pay his moving expenses back by working for the sponsoring family over a pre-negotiated time period.

This young man, Laurel Christiansen of 162 Hemlock, Park Forest, Ill., says he'll enter into a deal with a town or organization which will help him obtain his necessary medical training in return for future service.

Sounds like a good way to help young people into an expensive training program—one which many cannot afford—and solve the crisis that many small towns face in trying to attract doctors.

Too Much of a Flap?

Did political leaders and public power officials over-react to the energy crisis earlier this fall?

On the surface it might seem so. One minute we were turning out signs and banning Christmas decorations; the next we were shipping surplus power off to California.

Actually, we were in a very critical situation, indeed, a few months ago. Water levels were at all-time lows and the threat of an all-out power crisis was imminent.

However, the rains came... and how! We came within a gnat's eyelash of setting an all-time record for precipitation in November and December also is ahead of average.

In addition, temperatures have remained unseasonably warm and much less energy thus has been required for home heating.

As a result, what loomed as a

desperately-critical shortage has become a surplus.

Some Oregonians now are unhappy over the export of "our power" to California. They shouldn't be. In the first place, it isn't "our power." Funds which built the Bonneville system came from the federal treasury, and that includes California and West Virginia as well as Oregon and Washington.

Secondly, we borrowed from other sections last summer when the Pacific Northwest was short of power. Now, we're paying back. Finally, export of surplus power to California reduces the use of oil-fired boilers there and, ultimately, might help ease the gasoline shortage here.

In short, no man (or state) is an island. We're all mutually dependent upon one another and if we can help our neighbor, so be it.

Sandyite sustains gunshot wound

Sandy Police were called into the Jeff Yeager residence, 310 N. Center St., at 2 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 19, after Mrs. Jeff (Mavis) Yeager received a gunshot wound.

Mrs. Yeager was transported to Gresham Community Hospital for injuries

sustained to her left hand. She was released from the hospital last Friday.

Sandy Police Chief Fred Punzel said that his office is continuing an investigation to determine the circumstances surrounding the incident.

Deadlines changed

This week, like last week, the Sandy Post will have an early deadline due to the holiday.

The deadline for society news is 5 p.m. for the first-of-the-year edition while all other news will have a 5 p.m. Monday deadline.

The Peachy classified advertising section has a five Friday deadline this week. The "Too Late To Classify" will remain open until its regular time of 10 a.m. Wednesday.

The display advertising will remain open until 5 p.m. on Monday.

NEW YEAR, 1974



"The Handicap"

Chamber to celebrate 25th anniversary

The Sandy Area Chamber of Commerce will celebrate its 25th year anniversary with their installation dinner at Bowman's Mt. Hood resort on Jan. 8.

The annual affair will start with a social hour at 6:30 and

MHCC honor roll

Forty students from the Portland area have made the fall term President's Honor Roll at Mt. Hood Community College.

A grade point average of 3.75 (4.00 is straight A) is needed to qualify.

The students include: Linda Atkinson, Franklin Ault, William Baechler, Janice Ballantine, Lorena Bandy, Judy Baxter, Leslie Bobzien, Patricia Brand, Walter Comer III, Joan Crichton, Robin Cutler, Pamela Davis, Delores

will be followed by dinner at 7:30 p.m. Besides Sandy chamber members, guests from both the Hoodland and Gresham chambers will be in attendance, according to George Morgan, chairman of the event.

DiProffio, Randal Draper, George Durance, Max Eddington, Susan Fischer, Nancy Head, David Hogue, Janet Hohn, David Johnson, Ginger Kafel, Michael Marquette, Steve Matson, William Maxson, Judith Miller, Wayne Morrison, Winifred Mulflur.

Maria Philbrook, Sheree Pino, Jo Reese, Karen Rogers, James Rouse, Doris Saunders, LaDonna Schreiber, Donna Shaw, Donna Utzinger, Terry Wheeler, Diane Williams

Sen. Cook to teach for MHCC

State Sen. Vern Cook (D-Gresham) will teach "The Art of Politics" course at the Maywood Park campus of Mt. Hood Community College.

The course will meet Wednesday evenings from 7 to 10 p.m., beginning Jan. 2.

Cook, who majored in political science and law, said he was taught how to serve as legislator and an administrator but "no one ever taught me the techniques of how to attain that office."

"The basic premises of the course is that before you can become a statesman you must first be a politician and a good one," Cook said. "I hope those who enroll are ones who want to be activists but don't know how, or people who would like to be more effective in public affairs."

Those interested should contact MHCC College Admission Office.



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