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## Too Much Success

Mt. Hood Community College may be a victim of its own success. We're talking about the College's athletic program which from comments by voters, seems to have been an issue in the levy election.

Sports have been so successful at the College that they've merited a lot of attention. The football team, for instance, was among the very best in the whole U.S. last fall.

A lot of people applaud the College's athletic successes, a lot of other people don't. The latter feel that too much money and attention is focused on sports at MHCC and that the College somehow has strayed from its original intent.

When the College first came into being, there were very strong statements that it would not become an athletic factory, an academic pit stop for football and basketball players who couldn't make it at Oregon or Oregon State.

Some people interpreted this as a "no sports at all" dictum. Others felt it meant that the College would have athletics but only as a student activity, much as journalism, drama, band or debate.

Most athletic expenses—meals, recruiting, uniforms, equipment etc.—are paid by student body funds. Some—coaches salaries, capital expenses—are paid by the College. Some—travel and scholarships—are a mix of student and College funds.

## Sticky Fingers

It's not difficult to take an editorial stand on shoplifting: We're agin' it.

What gets sticky is how to deal with the sticky-fingered thieves, of which an estimated 60 per cent are teenagers.

Shoplifting is just a fancy word for stealing. The thieves take about \$70,000 of merchandise in Oregon every day. At least 3 to 4 per cent of the cost of an item is due to shoplifting and some estimates range as high as 6 per cent. Even if the shoplifting is reduced, the consumer still picks up the tab for the private security people who now outnumber policemen.

We sympathize with store owners trying to combat the crime. Some experts say a merchant can expect that one in every 15 customers will attempt to shoplift.

The "average" shoplifter has been profiled as a homemaker between 20 and 25 years old with one small child and a husband who makes \$10,000 a year.

The thing the security people have learned is not to stereotype the shoplifter. Rich kids do it; poor kids do it. The white-haired grandmother

## A Shaky Position

We agree completely that editors of the Portland State University "Vanguard" have the right to reject advertising. But we disagree completely with their reasons for doing so.

The PSU student newspaper has created a considerable flap by turning down ads from the military and from the CIA, the latter because of what they term "questionable activities uncovered by the Church committee."

Actually, any newspaper has the legal right to accept or reject any ad. There is no law that says a newspaper must print a particular ad, any more than a merchant must sell you a coat or a loaf of bread.

The owner of a business has the legal right to deal with whomever he pleases. A newspaper is a sort of

State law requires physical education classes. Hence, the College would have a gym and a track and a baseball field even without competitive sports. It would not, obviously, have to have a lighted football field.

The College admittedly suffers from a distortion of what a "scholarship" really means. The general public interprets a scholarship as encompassing books, tuition, room and board, spending money etc. . . the usual PAC-8 fare.

At Mt. Hood, a scholarship means in-district tuition, nothing more. No books, no board and room, no spending money. Furthermore, many MHCC athletes qualify for federal financial aid and thus are no expense to the College at all.

Scholarships offered by the College are about evenly divided between sports and other activities. Women get their share.

Football and basketball produce the most revenue, track and baseball lesser amounts. Sports which produce no revenue at all—skiing, for instance—are paid from student funds.

Had MHCC athletes not been so successful, so visible, complaints from the taxpayers might not have been so sharp. But the College has done extremely well in sports and is justifiably proud of its victories.

But too much success? For dissident voters, yes.

is capable of it and so is the well-dressed businessman. Shoplifters come in all races and ages. One pattern remains constant: Most shoplifters have enough money to purchase the item they stole.

One woman stepped out of her \$8,000 luxury car, wrapped in a fur coat, for her "shopping" tour. She ended up at Gresham police station; most of them don't.

Besides the economic cost to the consumer, there is a psychological cost as well.

Minorities and teenagers are immediately suspect. One wholesome-looking teenager recalled how mortified she was when she was followed from her hometown department store and accused of shoplifting.

While the minority steal, the majority is made to feel like criminals. Bags are stapled, checked or searched. Expensive leather coats are chained down. Dressing rooms are locked. Every movement is recorded on closed circuit TV or watched from hidden catwalks.

public utility which normally will accept anything which is not libelous, in poor taste etc. But no one can say "You have to take that ad."

Many newspapers, for instance, will not accept liquor advertising and this is completely their decision.

However, we think the "Vanguard" is poorly advised to refuse ads on what seem to be purely political grounds. The "Vanguard" shows a disturbing naivete when it stakes its course on "revelations" by a politically-ambitious Senator in an election year.

We think the "Vanguard" would be a much more credible publication if it, in effect, printed both sides of the issue. Very little is gained by trying to impose "Vanguard" politics on the whole PSU campus.



## WALKING SMALL

### letters to the editor

#### 20-mule meeting

To the Editor:  
I attended a meeting last night (Jan. 15) sponsored by the Hoodland Chamber of Commerce. The object was to discuss the possibility and feasibility of a citizens' advisory group to represent the Hoodland corridor area.

The fiasco could best be described as a 20-mule team pulling in 20 different directions. Commissioner Tom Telford was there and said what each one wanted to hear, which added to the confusion.

It is unreal for people to think seven or more small groups could even get any recognition, let alone accomplish anything worthwhile. When if ever, will the Hoodland residents stand together as a body that the government agencies will and must listen to?

Gerald E. Redding,  
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Brightwood, Oregon

#### Listen to all

To the Editor:  
An open letter to Thomas Telford, Chairman, Clackamas County Commissioners.

Dear Sir:  
When you stood before that group in Welches School last Thursday night, Jan. 15, you spoke plainly of the people's need and right to organize themselves in their own way. You noticed barely 50 persons present, loosely representing a population over 6,000. Hardly a worthy turnout.

You probably saw few familiar faces there but you could see all were middle-age or older and spoke intently of property rights. Where then, sir, were the young and middle-young, the poor, the ones who live in rent, those who have no phone nor transportation, the real unemployed? American citizens by right, members of our community, of homogeneous Clackamas County; of necessity they cannot be left out of any viable citizens organization.

The answer to that question comes easily. Some were not invited; most suffer that common malaise that plagues our time — as Mary Ann Hill put it, "apathy." Indeed, it is the same malaise that causes people to refuse to register to vote, or take part in community affairs.

But that answer is not enough. Like cursing the darkness, it won't solve anything. People are turned off by not being heard, or by knowing the deafness of our leaders; by dishonest government; and by selfish actions of those who control Tri-Met, CRAG, Port of Portland, a whole array of regional, state and federal agencies. It is not really apathy, it is alienation.

To come to the point, I think it is your duty to invite everybody to an organization meeting, not just "all property owners and registered voters" who, in the end, comprise the owners of the present failing system. I say you must address your notice to all residents of this area.

If you do not, and if you hear only the voices asking for property and voter rights, you will only feed the anarchy that grows in our land. There are those who don't like to hear some of our neighbors; there are factions who don't really practice the principles of American freedom and democracy.

This is opportunity to get the various functions talking to one another, to reach out to those alienated people. A genuine citizens meeting affords a fine chance to strike a blow against factionalism, against the faltering system that produces anarchy.

Joe Stein  
ZigZag

#### Climbers

##### on own

To the Editor:  
Concerning the three climbers lost for 16 days on Mt. Hood.

I feel that this is happening all too frequently and being taken much too lightly.

It seems if people want to be this fool-hardy it should not be at other people's expense. This includes other lives and money. Every year this seems to happen at least once.

The parents of such people should be held liable for all such expenses. Rather than taxpayers who don't have any say about expenditures made once these people take their lives into their own hands and take lightly all the matters at hand.

If letters and concern such as this have no impact maybe they should allocate money for beepers and require all climbers to have one. At least there would be an idea of their location. Or whether we should bother to look for them until spring when the snow melts.

Cindy Grenvik  
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Brightwood

#### Questions news

To the Editor:  
This morning I inquired at the Sandy Post concerning an article I was sure a member of the Sandy Livestock Club had turned in about the club's last meeting because I had not seen the article in last week's paper. I was informed that, after reading the article, you decided it was "not of general interest", and I assume subsequently discarded.

I wonder now, after looking through several recent issues of

our paper and talking with members and leaders of other youth groups, if you are not deciding that all such youth group reports are not of adequate interest to be included in this paper.

I do not agree, nor do those with whom I spoke today. I very much object, first of all, to such indiscriminate "editing" of news. These groups involve the families of a large share of Sandy Post subscribers. I, as one subscriber, do wish to read of the activities of our local youth groups. It is one of their prime ways of informing the community that they exist and what their activities consist of. Also, I feel that the young people thus occupied after school and evenings deserve some space in a local interest paper. I appreciate the efforts being made to making the Post cover meaningful news and commend you for your efforts at that; however, in doing this type of editing you are defeating one of the prime functions of a small town paper—to report local events even though they are not of earth-shattering consequence.

The article in question was written by a member of the club as a portion of a personal development phase of the 4-H program. Yes, the member can try again—however, the response from your office in this effort was hardly conducive to another try. How many other young people's efforts have wound up victims of your editing talents?

How about establishing a "youth Activities" section and encouraging all of our groups to report their meetings and activities. The section would be well read and enjoyed by a sizable portion of Post subscribers if those I contacted today are any indication of total interest.

Ellen F. Ten Eyck  
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Sandy

## Crosby arrives in Texas

Air Force Sgt. Paul C. Crosby, son of Mrs. Patricia A. Crosby, 26890 SE Judd Rd., Boring, has arrived for duty at Carswell AFB, Texas.

Sgt. Crosby, an electronic warfare systems repairman with a unit of the Strategic Air Command, previously served at Korat Royal Thai AFB, Thailand.

The sergeant is a 1973 graduate of Estacada High School. His wife, Linda, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Buhlinger, Rt. 1, Eagle Creek.

TRY THE CLASSIFIEDS

## Keeping Posted

**THURSDAY, JAN. 22**  
The annual Cub Scout Pinewood Derby will be held at 7 p.m. in the Upper Grade Gym. These cars, which weigh only five ounces, were designed and made by the boys themselves. Awards will be given for the fastest and most attractive cars. The public is invited.

**FRIDAY, JAN. 23**  
Welches PTA will sponsor the showing of the movie "The Other Side of the Mountain" at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

**MONDAY, JAN. 26**  
The directors of the Hoodland Rural Fire District 74 will hold a special meeting at 8 p.m. in the ZigZag fire hall. The district's proposed 1976-77 budget will be discussed at the meeting. The session will be open to the public.

**TUESDAY, JAN. 27**  
The Cottrell School Board has scheduled another work session on the 1976-77 budget at 7:30 p.m. in room 3, East Building. The meeting is open to all interested persons.

**OTHER DATES**  
Due to the absence of several members, the combined Budget Committee and School Board meeting scheduled for Wednesday night, Jan. 21, has been cancelled. A new date, Tuesday, Feb. 3, has been scheduled as the meeting night for the presenting of the proposed 1976-77 budget to the Budget Board for their consideration. This combined meeting with the School Board will be held in Room 3 in the East Building at 8 p.m.

## Topics part of week at MHCC

Staying well mentally and physically is the theme for health awareness at Mt. Hood Community College Jan. 26-30. "How to Say No to a Rapist and Stay Alive," a film by Dr. Frederic Storkas, will be presented at noon Monday in the art mall theater.

The film will be followed by a panel discussion by Alice Gustafson and Jean Sternberg from the district attorney's office.

The program, which is designed for both men and women, will be repeated at noon Tuesday.

Parent effectiveness training, the philosophy and method presented by Max Wilkins, counselor at David Douglas High School, will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday in the college theater.

Wilkins received his undergraduate degree at Nebraska State and his master's degree at University of Wyoming. He is an associate in Portland Metro Effectiveness Training Program and teaches classes in parent effectiveness.

The parent training session will be repeated at noon Tuesday in the studio theater. There will be a psychodrama workshop in parent effectiveness from 1 to 3 p.m. that afternoon in the Town and Gown Room.

Dr. Peter DeCourcy will lecture on "Child Abuse" at noon in the art mall theater. DeCourcy received his master's degree from DePaul, Chicago, and his Ph.D. from University of Portland.

A clinical psychologist, he was consultant for the State of Oregon for the rehabilitation of alcoholics. He was also consultant for six years to Oregon's juvenile division and school systems.

His lecture will be followed from 1 to 3 p.m. with an interaction workshop on child abuse prevention. It will be in the Town and Gown Room.

"Changing Sex Roles and Sexual Violence," will be the topic of Dr. Jennifer James at 10:30 a.m. Thursday in the

college theater. James is assistant professor in the department of psychiatry and behavioral science at University of Washington.

She is known for her research and efforts in the area of sexual abuses. The lecture will be repeated at noon and there will be an interaction workshop with Dr. James on the prevention of sexual abuse from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Town and Gown Room.

"Health Foods for a Student Diet" will be presented by Jane Abbott, nutritionist and instructor for MHCC's home economics program, at noon Friday in the art mall theater. Abbott teaches community courses in food buying and nutrition.

A film on "Breast Self-Examination," will be shown at noon Friday in the studio theater. The film will be followed by a short talk and questions and answers by a doctor from Oregon Cancer Society.

Several health tests and displays are also planned.

Blood pressure readings will be taken from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday. There will also be dental screening.

Lung capacity testing will be Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

There will be displays Monday through Friday on smoking hazards, venereal disease and books on women and health.

All the events are free and open to the public.

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<b>Lunch &amp; Dinner</b>	
Spaghetti Plate	\$1.95
Ham & Candied Yams	\$3.50

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