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Computers Are Fallible, Too

It's along about 7:30 p.m. next Nov. 2 and you haven't yet voted in the Ford vs. Carter presidential election. You have your television on and with great fanfare, the network announces it has projected a Ford victory on the basis on its analysis of key precincts. You think, "The heck with it, there's no use voting now. It's already decided."

Better think again. The fallibility of the computers and the men who predict elections is showing up all over the place.

The experts said Ford would beat Reagan in North Carolina. He didn't. The computers projected Morris Udall the winner over Jimmy Carter in Wisconsin. They projected too fast and by the next morning, Carter was the winner. The TV projections were

the big loser, even bigger than Udall. Despite an enormous amount of money invested in super-sophisticated equipment, the computers aren't always right. In Wisconsin, they supposedly missed because of the slow count of paper ballots. They (the computers) made their projections on the basis of the easily counted paper ballots. They didn't take into account those marked by hand.

What it all proves is that the computers aren't any better than the information they're fed. And if as in Wisconsin, the TV experts are too fast in making their call, the whole election could be altered.

Regardless of what the computers say, don't let them do your thinking. Cast your own vote.

A Move in the Right Direction

Efforts are under way by Gov. Bob Straub to find a common ground where business, labor and environmentalists can get together.

The aim is to help business but not in a way to alienate labor or the environmentalists.

All too often, only the extremists are heard. Environmentalists who want total no-growth policies. Labor and business leaders who would like to ship the environmentalists back where they came from.

Straub seeks a middle ground between no growth and growth at any cost.

Ken Fobes, press aide to the governor, explains that Straub isn't backing away from environmental

concerns. He's merely trying to get people to live together. All the livability in the world isn't any good to a worker who is forced to leave the state to find work.

Business, in particular, needs reassurance from the governor's office. Recent legislatures have been very unfriendly to business and some things which have been enacted are helping drive firms out of Oregon.

Every taxing scheme in Oregon seems to start with an added bite of some sort on business. A little encouragement from Salem right now might improve the business climate a great deal.

We hope the governor pursues the idea of togetherness vigorously.

Enough Is Enough

Norman Cousins, distinguished editor of The Saturday Review, asked the other day if the public pillorying of Richard Nixon hadn't been carried quite far enough?

A lot of other people feel the same way.

Cousins asks "When will enough blood have been let?" and infers that the time is already past.

There are those, of course, who feel that because of the enormity of his crimes, Nixon should be pursued to the grave—and beyond. Others feel that every crime has its price and Nixon has paid full measure in public humiliation.

The current flap arises from publication of a second Nixon book by Washington Post reporters Bernstein and Woodward who broke the original Watergate story, winning a well-deserved Pulitzer prize for their efforts.

However, their second book has a

serious lack of documentation, relies on hearsay and invades areas many people feel are none of the public's business. Only the most venomous of the Nixon haters can get much joy out of some of the humiliating passages.

Cousins says, in effect, that everyone—ex presidents included—has a right to privacy and that reporters Bernstein and Woodward have rather flagrantly invaded that right. Publication of their second book, Cousins feels, has done nothing except intrude into the private life of a troubled man and the authors have gone "far beyond legitimate public interest."

Nixon and his lieutenants were excoriated for invading the privacy of other people (through wire-taps, etc.), yet that's precisely what Bernstein and Woodward are doing here. Cousins wonders out loud just what Bernstein and Woodward are really after.

Job Prospects Look Brighter

Prospects for a job upon graduation suddenly have become much brighter for the nation's collegians.

For several years, the picture has been discouragingly bleak. Now, however, things are much better except in a few specialized fields... particularly education, law and journalism.

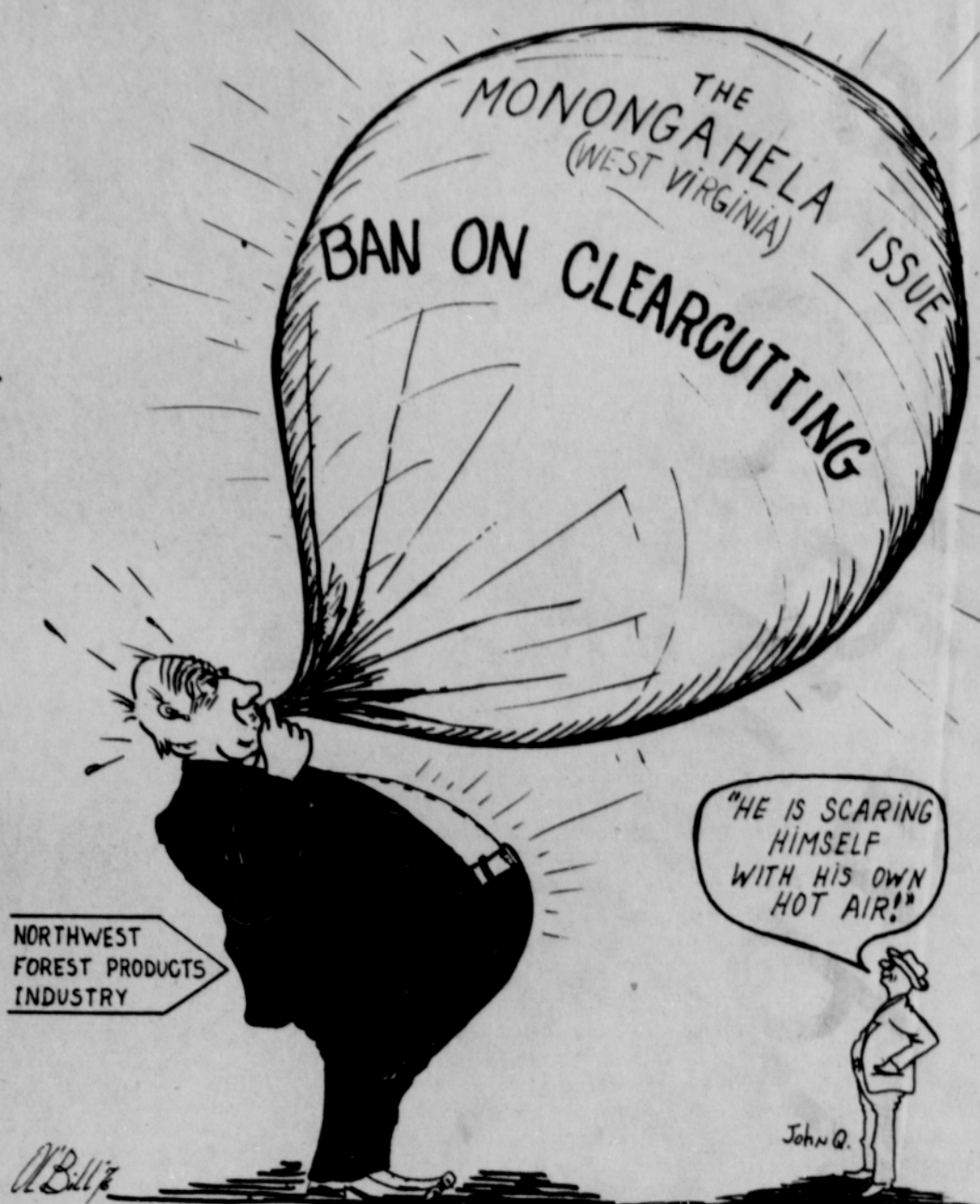
Recruiters have been returning to the nation's campuses in increasing numbers and this year's graduates may even have several jobs from which to choose.

The outlook is particularly bright for women and minority students because of equal opportunity laws. Specific fields in which job opportunities look good are business, accounting, engineering, health services and the sciences.

The obvious upturn in the nation's economy is reflected on the campuses and if business continues good, job opportunities will follow suit.

A beginning plumber still gets more than a college graduate but don't sell an education short. It still pays off.

The Threat



'He could stop blowing'

LETTERS ToThe EDITOR

Financial bargain

To the Editor:
Our Community School faces an important election next Tuesday, April 20, when Mt. Hood Community College and the Sandy Grade School District go to the voters for approval of operating budgets.

Should Mt. Hood Community College's election fail this time, drastic changes in the current programming would have to happen and our community school could be severely limited or curtailed.

Community school is a bargain. A bargain financially for all those who participate in the wide variety of activities and a bargain for what it gives our community.

To keep our Community School in Sandy, we urge you to show your support of this program by voting "Yes" for MHCC's budget.

Sandy Community School Council

on their agenda to be discussed. Mr. Dickson was not even mentioned.

Imagine my surprise when I picked up the Sandy Post to find Mr. Dickson was discussed—after we went home.

Is this the way to run a school board meeting which is supposedly open to the public?

I see no wisdom used in dismissing such a qualified musical instructor as Dickson. Neither do I see the wisdom in keeping parents from being involved in this type of decision.

Mrs. Arlene Watkins
Sandy

\$292,992, \$10,189 less than last year's levy. This would amount to approximately \$3.00 per \$1,000 of property-home valuation; 48 cents less than last year.

The budget committee unanimously supports this budget. Thank you for reading this letter and don't forget to vote your convictions, Tuesday.

Gene Brosterhous
Budget Committee

Dismissal unthinkable

Editor's note: The Post received a copy of the following letter sent to Clark Lund, superintendent of the Sandy Elementary School district.)

Dear Mr. Lund:
Perhaps I am addressing this to the wrong person - if so, will you kindly direct this to the appropriate person or board for me?

It is unthinkable that Jerry Dickson's contract is not being picked up! He's one of the hardest-working teachers, who has given inestimable encouragement and direction to hundreds of children who might never have even gotten into music at all, if it were not for his encouragement. We know how things were before he came!

I know he used to teach and work with kids before school began in the mornings; I've seen him giving individual help to students during his lunch hour; and he used to be there

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LCDC slammed

To the Editor:
A few days ago, LCDC political appointee L.B. Day displayed the typical labor-bully's contempt for democracy when he referred to Lane County Commissioner Elliot as "a two-bit elected official."

The insulting remark stemmed from Elliot's appropriate refusal to meet with Day's high-handed commission. Other elected officials will do well to emulate Elliot's fitting response.

By requesting Day's resignation, Gov. Straub could remind arrogant political appointees their positions are subject to democratic acceptance, and that there is no place in Oregon State government for labor goon tactics.

Milton M. Fox Sr.
Box 75
Brightwood

Thank you

To the Editor:
We would like to thank all of you who have extended sympathy to us on the recent loss of our father and husband, Ed Burke.

We wish to express our gratitude to all who attended the service, sent cards, food, flowers and memorials.

In deep appreciation
Fern and Paul Burke
Jeanne Hayes
Sandy

Discussion questioned

To the Editor:
Monday, April 5, a few concerned parents attended a special meeting of the Sandy Elementary School board. The grape vine provided us information that there would be discussion between Supt. Clark Lund and the board members concerning the dismissal of our band instructor, Jerry Dickson.

Before the board convened we parents were told what was

Budget

To the Editor:
The Welches School Budget Committee feels obligated to advise the public that this year's school budget has been thoroughly gone over several times and proper cuts and allowances have been made so as to not hurt any present educational program, but to enhance our children's education.

The 1976-77 proposed budget total is \$498,688, \$1,279 less than last year's. Your levy for educational purposes would be

Keeping posted

Firwood neighbors to meet Thursday

THURSDAY, APRIL 15
Firwood Neighbors, Inc. general meeting at 7:30 p.m. at Firwood School. George Malin of the assessor's office and Jerry Johnson of the Clackamas Sheriff's Dept. are scheduled as speakers.

SATURDAY, APRIL 17
A spaghetti supper sponsored by Mt. Hood Preschool will be held at Women's Club Hall in Wenme. Spaghetti, homemade bread, salad, coffee and tea will be served from 4 to 8 p.m.

The board of Sandy Rural Fire Protection District 72 meets at 8 p.m. in the main fire station to conduct public deliberations on its 1976-77 budget. Interested persons are invited to attend and comment on the proposed budget.

Sandy Kaffee Klatch will meet at St. Michael's parish hall at 7:30 p.m. Malcolm MacGregor will speak on "Attaining Financial Freedom."

MONDAY, APRIL 19
The Saandy Rural Fire Protection district in connection with the Sandy Community school will conduct a home fire safety clinic at 7:30 p.m. in room 5 of the Sandy Upper Grade school.

TUESDAY, APRIL 20
Sandy Civic Services meeting at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall.

Winchester to speak

The Pleasant Home Baptist Church will host an Easter Sunrise Service with Dave Winchester as the speaker for the 6:30 a.m. service.

Winchester was formerly associated with KPDK and is now the minister of Christian education at the Sandy Baptist Chapel.

The Pleasant Home church is located on Dodge Park Boulevard at Pleasant Home Road.

Candidate lists concerns

Terry Kent, 37, candidate for position 2 on the Welches School board lists his main concern as the education of children.

Beyond that, Kent says, "I feel that the communication between the board and faculty and the community needs to be improved."

He says that if he is elected he would form a parent-administration communication committee and work to improve teacher evaluation procedures.

"Currently we use the state minimums," he says, "and that leaves a little to be desired."

Kent feels there needs to be a better balance on the district board.

"They need persons with experience who are open to community concerns and who can also work well with the administrator and teaching staff."

Kent, who has two children attending Welches, has had experience in education directing a private school and served on the Portland School District 2 Parents advisory committee when he lived in that city.

A property owner in Brightwood he manages income property in Portland.

"I'm sending out questionnaires trying to get feedback on concerns and priorities in the area," Kent says. "And I'm not in favor of a tax levy increase."

CITIZENS COLLEGE FORUM

News and Views About Mt. Hood Community College
By Jim Hilden
News Services Coordinator

Charter Week activities observing the tenth anniversary of the college are concluding in the next few days with several highlights yet to come. Thursday at 11 a.m. at the corner of Troutdale Road and Stark Street, a 90 plus year-old beech tree planted by Oregon pioneer Alfred Baker is to be dedicated during a short ceremony. Saturday at 10 a.m. children three through nine will gather at the flagpoles for an "old fashioned community Easter egg hunt" and at about the same time a community golf tournament is scheduled for the Gresham course. Sunday at about 7 a.m., a nondenominational Easter Sunrise service is planned in the stadium.

Only a few days remain before college district voters will go to the polls Tuesday to decide the fate of a three-year operational serial levy. Persons wanting more information about the levy than has been printed in the all-district monthly newsletter and defined in various news media sources, should contact the college immediately.

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