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## What's Happening to Liberal Arts?

The president of the University of Oregon, Dr. William Boyd, last week told faculty members that some of the traditional liberal arts programs at Eugene are "threatened".

They're threatened, he said, by the increasing emphasis on career programs—business, law, journalism, engineering etc.—which are flourishing.

By liberal arts, he means fields like history, geography, the languages, philosophy, abstract sciences, literature etc.

The reason that liberal arts courses are floundering is extremely simple... they don't pay off in jobs. A new graduate going to an employer almost always has to have some skills to sell.

Students who have concentrated on a "trade school" approach obviously aren't as well educated, but they have something to offer an employer immediately. They can start producing the minute they're hired.

Sagging enrollment in the liberal arts is by no means limited to the

University of Oregon. The same thing is happening nationwide.

We know of one young man with both a bachelor's and master's degrees in the liberal arts who purposely withheld the information from prospective employers. He figured any mention of his degrees would lessen his chances for a job.

You certainly can't blame college students for flocking to professional courses. They know all too well that they'll double or triple their chances for a job upon graduation.

What's the answer? How can we preserve the rich contribution the liberal arts offer?

There obviously is no easy answer. Society puts pressures on us which require employment. But we suspect that the pendulum will soon swing the other direction, that in due time recognition will come to those who have the traditional liberal arts training.

Unfortunately, for the moment that doesn't pay off. Job hunting will remain slow.

## Last Two Weeks Crucial

The smartest politician we ever knew maintained that elections are won or lost in the last two weeks.

"I don't care what my opponent does, it's the last two weeks that matter. Most people aren't sure right until the last and if you really hit 'em then, that's when it counts."

The speaker was a veteran Minnesota Congressman, first elected in the Roosevelt landslide of 1932 and re-elected so many times that people lost track.

He would stay in Washington, D.C., until a couple of weeks remained and then he would come home and simply overwhelm the opposition.

His advice could be extremely pertinent this fall. There is every

indication, of course, that the Ford-Carter election will go right down to the wire. The final debate this Friday will be important but the election still will be won or lost in the final days.

Locally, the fate of several initiatives could be up in the air right until election day. Specifically, we refer to No. 9 (nuclear energy), No. 10 (repeals LCDC statute) and No. 12 (eliminates CRAG), and the two Cook-Otto measures, 26-13 (redistricting county commission) and 26-14 (funding Edgefield Manor).

Many people still are uncertain about all of these. The side which puts on the best campaign between now and Nov. 2 will be the winner. Don't forget those last two weeks!

## Tri-County group to study proposal

The Tri-County Local Government Commission will conclude its deliberations on an area-wide reorganization plan at its monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m., Thursday in room 327, Smith Memorial Center, Portland State University.

The commission will refine and ratify its area-wide structural reorganization recommendations and take

action on suggested functions and services that the area-wide level of government should be authorized to provide. The final recommendations will be submitted by the commission to the 1977 Legislative Assembly.

The commission's reorganization proposal calls for the restructuring of some current special purpose regional entities (MSD, CRAG

and Tri-Met) into a directly-elected, multi-purpose government at the area-wide level in the Tri-County area and provides for the addition of the others (Port of Portland and the Boundary Commission) in the future by a vote of the people.

The proposal would modify the Metropolitan Service District's legislation to provide for a 15-member elected board which would involve, in a more realistic and direct way, the citizens of the entire community in making decisions about their public problems.

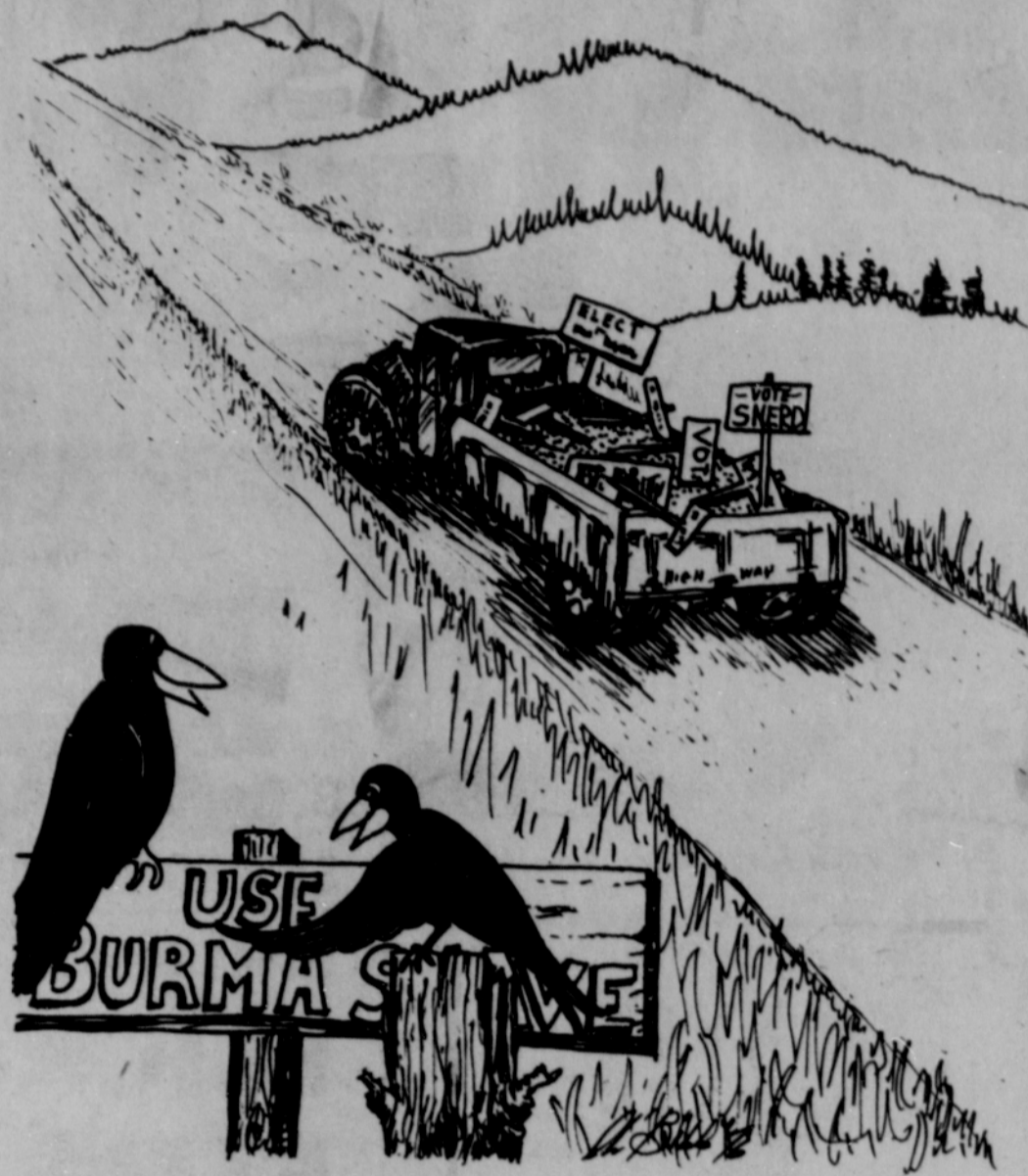
The public is invited to attend and free parking is available in the University Center Parking Garage, SW 5th and Harrison Street entrance.

## Clinics set

Security for the small business is the topic of a four-part series to be offered at Clackamas Community College Tuesdays, Oct. 26 through Nov. 16 at 7 p.m.

Information about the small business seminar is available from the college's business education office, 656-2631, ext. 261.

## The GREAT sign clean-up



Chirp: How come they left this one?

Twerp: It's what they call the 'Grandfather' clause. It was here before they were!"

## letters to the editor

### Real goodies

To the Editor: There were some real goodies for The Mountain in the Oct. 14 Sandy Post.

First, another humdinger from the acid tipped pen (we use the same ink but there the similarity ends) of Mr. Milton Fox who, as usual, shoots himself down with his own inaccuracies.

I'll wager this gentleman, if he owns property in Oswego, Portland or Milwaukie would be the first with the mostest to attack any development which he felt would adversely affect his pocket book, his property or his sense of justice. Rather than the part-time residents who foot the greater part of the tax load, without representation, and sustains a goodly portion of the area's economy by patronizing the local merchants and local services "butting out" it is quite possible that the better way for the corridor to survive would be for the dollar grabbers to "get out." We just might have some peace and quiet up there again and leave a reasonably unspoiled heritage for the future generations.

One cannot help but wonder how Mr. Fox would feel toward the Interagency Plan had been selected to serve on its Citizen's Advisory Committee in compliance with his request to do so.

Another interesting tid-bit was from one of the Government Camp "regulars," a Mr. England, who was quoted on a proposed Fire District for Government Camp. He states "the HOMEOWNERS in the area could possibly pay for tall hydrants which would need to go above snow level." Boy! a really quick switch from "residents" to "homeowners" wasn't it? However, the homeowners might go for this just see fire hydrants which would rise above snow level. Bound to be a first and could conceivably, be quite a summer tourist affection especially

for those who own large size dogs.

Mr. England seems to have a penchant for hyperbolic statements. In a previous statement to the Post he is quoted as saying the new Government Camp sewage treatment plant is capable of handling 900,000 gallons daily.

How come the DEQ is not aware of this? They say 225,000 gallons per day which will automatically monitored.

You know, maybe the time is ripe for Mt. Hood to emit a resounding burp of disgust and warning.

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### Back to basics

To the Editor: We commend the Sandy Elementary School Board and congratulate our new superintendent, Clark Lund, for the presentation and adoption of a "Back to Basics" curriculum for our grade school.

Our new administration has been on top of problems from their beginning and we're so pleased that the new goals were set with ACADEMICS the prime concern. We're 100 per cent behind you Mr. Lund.

Perhaps now our children will receive the education they need to be able to choose and set their goals later.

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### Campaign signs

(Editor's note: The Post received a copy of this letter addressed to the Clackamas County Commissioners.)

Dear Commissioner Skoko: As Chairman of the Bob Cook for County Commissioner Campaign Committee, I wish to bring up a matter of considerable importance on the above subject (campaign signs).

We bring this matter to the Board of County Commissioners in the belief that the board has the initial responsibility and authority to request appropriate action on the part of the sheriff's office as a public matter. We do not.

To accurately illustrate this problem, the following events are well documented and witnessed by persons of unimpeachable character, including two members of the Board of County Commissioners. Just recently one of Commissioner Telford's signs was destroyed by an act of deliberate vandalism. On Aug. 16, we were advised by certain citizens that one of Cook's signs had been demolished; and less than a week later, during the late evening hours of Wednesday, Aug. 18, another Cook sign was defaced. Jim O'Leary, a candidate for the office of district attorney, stopped to investigate some unusual activity he observed in the near vicinity of that sign.

O'Leary said that he saw Commissioner Schumacher's teen-aged son leaving the near vicinity of the sign and then saw Schumacher himself standing near the well known Schumacher pick-up truck.

O'Leary reported that he called to Schumacher and asked what the Commissioner was doing there at that time of the night. Schumacher replied that he was looking for a location for a sign. O'Leary said that he expressed some surprise and doubt about the commissioner and his son being out at 11:10 p.m. looking for sign locations, upon which he quickly got into his pickup and drove away.

By 8 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 19, we were informed that Cook's sign had been crudely defaced during the night. This was reported by Commissioner Tom Telford, who had seen the result of the defacement on his way to work.

There is another and seamier side to this story. There have been reports of youngsters (described by the Enterprise

## Keeping Posted

### Actors to visit Sandy High

THURSDAY, OCT. 21  
Oregon Trail Coffee Hour will begin at 9:30 a.m.

Actors from the Oregon Shakespearean Festival will put on an 8 p.m. performance tonight in the Sandy Union High School commons. There will be a small admission fee for the public performance.

SUNDAY, OCT. 24  
The Sandy Road Runners (game riders) will be holding a playday on starting at 9 p.m.

For more information call show secretary Kathy Butts (668-6247).

TUESDAY, OCT. 26  
The Sandy Area Chamber of Commerce will host a forum for the four candidates for city council positions at their noon meeting at the Foothills Inn. The public is invited to attend.

The Hoodland Chamber of Commerce will host representatives from the U.S. Forest Service for a presentation on the Bull Run Reserve at 7:30 in the Hoodland Women's Club. The public is invited to attend.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 28  
The Take Off Pounds Sensibly group will meet at 9 p.m. at 21421 SE Firwood Rd. in the home of Barbara Boswell.

## Candidates fair nears

The Damascus Community Association (DCA) will sponsor a Candidates Fair Oct. 28 at 8 p.m. in the Damascus Middle School.

Candidates for Clackamas County commissioner who will appear at the fair will be incumbent Robert Schumacher and Robert Cook for Position 1 and incumbent Thomas Telford and Ralph Groener for Position 3.

In addition, district attorney candidates Roger Rook and James O'Leary and county sheriff candidates John Renfro

and Bill Savage will appear at the fair.

State Rep. Glen Whallon also will be there.

The DCA encourages area residents to attend and meet the candidates.

The Oct. 28 DCA meeting also will hold elections to fill three vacancies on the DCA council. The positions of Don Sparks, Van Yates and Gene Pospisil have expired, and only Yates has filed for reelection.

Other persons who have filed include Nancy Peterson, Tom Bjugan and Toni Losey.

## Farm class slated

An introductory class on farm business management for working farmers will be offered in two sections on Oct. 25 at

Clackamas Community College.

Information about the orientation session or the class is available from Jack Thorsen, 656-2631, ext. 341.

### The big lie

To the Editor: Oregonians receiving their voter's pamphlet over the next few weeks will be in for a big surprise from the Republican State Central Committee. That's because of the "big lie" technique employed by this partisan committee on a page they purchased in your voter's pamphlet.

What the Republican Central Committee did was to totally distort the meaning of Ballot Measure No. 7. According to their statement, this measure will cost Oregon taxpayers \$850,000 of the state's General Fund.

That's not true. The fact is that people who wish to will be able to give \$1.50 to a "Fair Campaign Finance Fund", through a check-off system on the income tax form. The \$1.50 will be deducted from the amount the individual would otherwise pay to the state in income taxes.

This is the opposite of the way the special interests are currently financing campaigns in Oregon. And this current system of "lobby big money" is the system the Republicans would like to see preserved.

Every Oregonian would benefit greatly from the reforms offered by Measure No. 7. We would be getting away from the influence of the "fat cats" money and instead would finance campaigns by allowing Oregonians to voluntarily check a box on their state income tax return for \$1.50.

This voluntary money would be used to help qualified candidates finance their campaigns for public office in Oregon's general election.

People ought to read the real ballot summary in the voter's pamphlet. The distortions by the Republicans on their page will then be obvious. Vote yes on No. 7, for campaign finance reform and don't be misled by the Republican Committee's effort at the Big Lie.

Ed Lindquist  
State Representative

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