

Sandy High staff show some class

High school department heads and administrators showed a lot of class recently when they shared the pain of a \$232,914 budget cut shouldered uniformly.

Net result is that basic education in no department suffered. Not that an educator would want to make a quarter-million dollar cut like that every year.

School sports remain, but new equipment is out. A budgeted computer gave way, too, as did

guidance department and career center budget levels.

The school's special program for talented and gifted students had to go, but county support from Clackamas Education Service District will save a program for handicapped students.

Alternative education and a program for dropouts had to go.

But basic education at Sandy High will remain solid with a good 18 to 1 student to teacher ratio.

Nationwide racist tide sweeps in

Racism and class strife are on the rise against a backdrop of new Moral Majority leadership, and friendly pioneer states like Oregon aren't immune.

The Ku Klux Klan rides again with new organization among school children, and American Nazis grab headlines by ransacking synagogues.

Several degreed spokesmen and authors lend their name to age-old bigotry with "scholarly" new twists. There's Reagan administration darling Thomas Sowell, PhD, with exposure in "Psychology Today," TV's Phil Donahue Show and "Meet the Press" to discuss his book, "Ethnic America." The black right-winger speaks against government welfare and for lower minimum wage for blacks, suggesting that blacks haven't pulled their weight.

Then there's Wilmot Robertson's "The Dispossed Majority," a "scholarly" argument for majority race supremacy that bookstores have refused to carry. His contention is that America and western

civilization will go down the drain with new minority liberal leadership, and the white Anglo-Saxon minority should reclaim political control.

And there are other ultra-rightist books to scratch from your Christmas list for blacks, Jews, hippies and other friends on the fringe. Richard Viguerie's "The New Right: We're Ready to Lead" primer is sure to offend many in this nation's melting pot.

"Someday and American black is going to become a great leader of his people by pointing out that those blacks they thought were kings had no clothes on all this time," wrote Viguerie, fund-raiser and publisher for the New Right.

Meanwhile, racism has grown so rampant recently in friendly, pioneer Oregon that Gov. Vic Atiyeh has had to speak out against the Klan and others.

Whatever happened to that American spirit of frontier neighborliness and a fresh start for all peoples in a great new world?

Salem scene:

Legislators eye extra day

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Contrary to collective opinion six weeks ago, the 61st Oregon Legislative Assembly has been called into emergency special session by Gov. Vic Atiyeh.

It is scheduled Saturday, Oct. 24, and is billed as a one-day event.

Its purpose is to consider new court reform legislation in place of two bills Atiyeh vetoed after a record 203-day regular session that adjourned Aug. 2.

Never in the memory of current Salem-watchers has a special session approached under such a cloud of controversy and speculation.

At stake on the surface is a legislative package prepared by the Oregon Commission on the Judicial Branch, a body appointed to study and recommend reform of both administration and financing of the state's circuit and district courts.

Primary among the Commission's recommendations were provisions that would permit the governor to appoint a chief justice of the Supreme Court to administer the court system and shift current financial responsibilities for operation of the courts from counties to the state.

These recommendations were introduced during the regular session in two bills.

The two bills were introduced last February and failed to achieve final passage until the last day of July, only hours before the session adjourned.

During the intervening months the measures bounced between House and Senate and were subjected to extensive surgery in the upper chamber.

Although both passed handily in the Senate, a House concurrence with the other chamber's surgical amendments was narrow, indeed. One of the two bills passed by the barest majority.

Although he professed to be strongly in favor of the reform concept, Gov. Atiyeh vetoed both, because the administrative bill emerged without a provision that requires gubernatorial appointment of the chief justice. Appointment of the chief justice on the basis of administrative ability—as opposed to seniority or popularity—was paramount in his veto.

Reaction to the vetoes was immediate from the legal community, who long has sought administrative reform. Also the counties voiced their anxiety to shed the burden of financing court operations.

Efforts were made to persuade the Legislature to call itself into special session. This involves a legal, but never-achieved procedure that requires written requests from a simple majority of member of both chambers. Since this approach was unsuccessful, the next attempt involved creating compromise legislation Atiyeh would accept. That strategy worked.

The pre-session agenda calls for three new bills to be considered during the one-day session. One deals with funding to raise

certain court fees and a shift in operating burden to the state's general fund.

The other two bills essentially would put the question of appointing a chief justice up to voters during a primary election next May.

The controversy and speculation around the action is substantial, to say the least. Politically volatile, the situation becomes a numbers game.

Ostensibly, leadership in both chambers has counted heads and is reasonably certain of majorities—31 representatives and 16 senators—ready to enact the measures. A number of considerations, however, suggest those counts may be inaccurate.

A rumored, greater-than-expected biennial budget shortfall has emerged. Many lawmakers oppose any action that might strain further the state's ability to pay its way during the next two years. The plan may fail because of opposition to shifting court costs from the counties to the state.

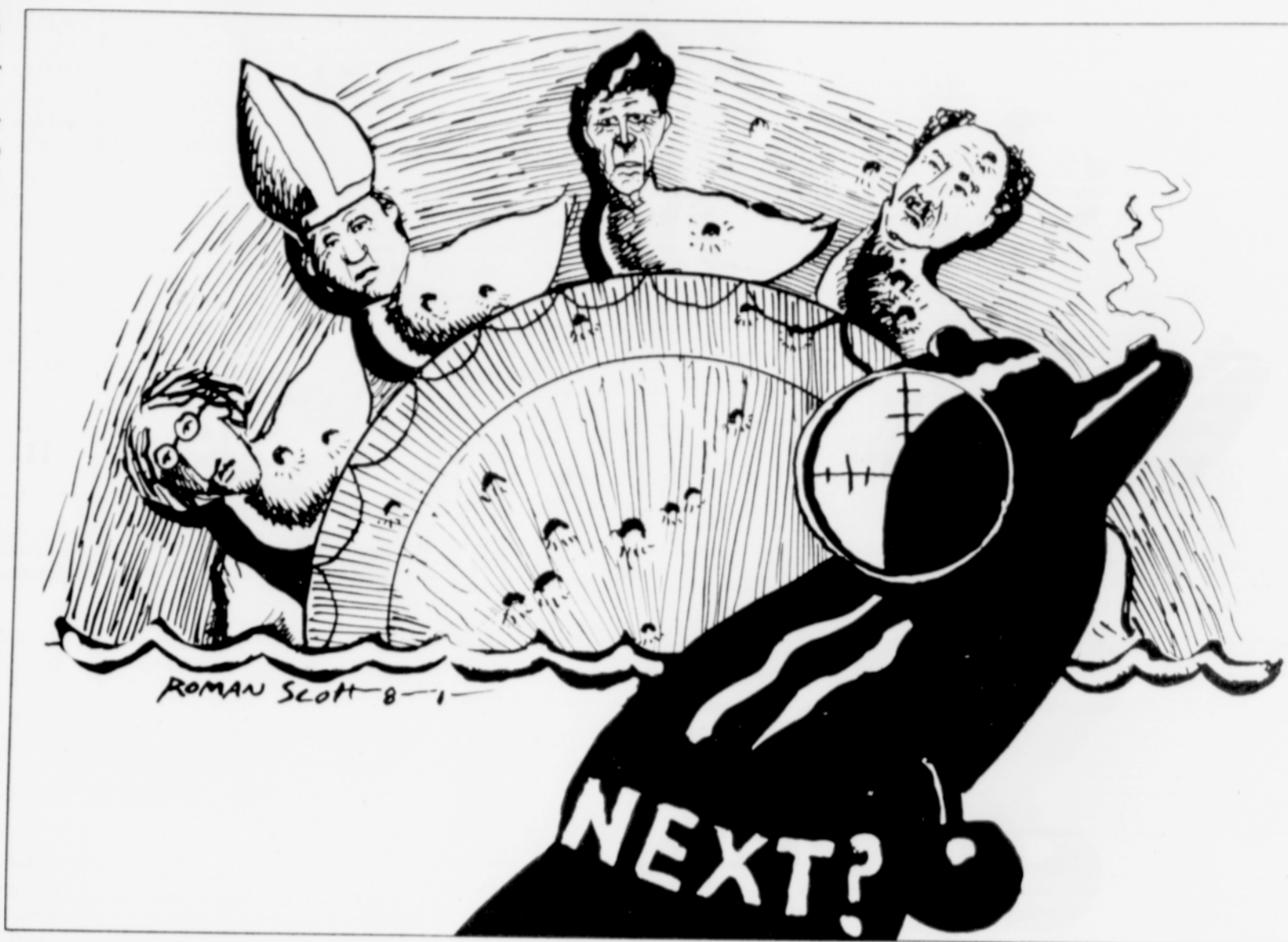
A segment of Democrat majorities in each chamber is rumored to support an amendment that would shift the election provision from May to November. This could embarrass Atiyeh, who likely will stand for reelection at that time.

Then there's the question of other vetoes lawmakers must consider when they reconvene in special session. Of the 17 bills nullified by the governor during and after the regular session, 10 will be up for consideration Oct. 24.

Although the constitution requires they be considered, it does not specify the assembly must take positive action on the vetoed bills. They could be tabled or even ignored. However, it takes only one recalcitrant legislator to force a vote on any of the vetoes. If that occurs, say goodbye to the one-day timetable.

Avoiding such an occurrence will be a strenuous test of leadership, since four of the questioned bills zipped through the regular session with ample votes to achieve an override.

Smarting under the political liability of already leading the longest and costliest regular session in history, majority Democrats may be banking on controlling all members. Any extension of the scheduled one-day affair could help more spend-thrift criticism on the entire body.



Letters to the editor:

Mountain flap, football stir readers

Bias cited

As usual, Michael P. Jones, the Post's correspondent, has his facts wrong. He continuously distorts the news, clouding it with misquotes and misinformation.

His recent article about the Hoodland Women's Club indicated that the members feel that the county has been lying about our lease. This is not so. Although there is a mixup about the total acreage included in it, Mr. Zinzer of the county has been very cooperative in our efforts to clear up this matter.

The women who are "up in arms" are comprised of a newly joined radical minority whose main purpose, it appears, is to destroy the effectiveness of the Women's Club. This issue can be handled in an intelligent, orderly fashion without turning our meetings into a town hall.

The Women's Club is vital to this community. I, for one, do not like the Women's Club being used as a pawn to further someone's ambitions. It should remain as it always has been: Women dedicated to serving the community.

Vera Peterson, treasurer
Hoodland Women's Club

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I read your editorial with

great respect and appreciation for the courageous stand you have taken on behalf of your reporter and newspaper. I felt greatly encouraged and a tremendous sense of relief to know others have been challenged and yet remain firm in their principles.

I find it incredible to comprehend the amount of ill-will stirred up by a few direct questions, questions others should have been curious enough to ask themselves.

I asked them, and I am not sorry, embarrassed or guilt-ridden, even though I have endured vicious gossip, as have the others involved. Gossip-mongers are only revealing to everyone the quality of thinking they harbor in the dark recesses of their own consciousness. The attempt to discredit anyone with lies is designed by the would-be users to erect walls to protect themselves. Anyone willfully attempting to injure another is an object of pity, rather than resentment.

The questioning process is part of our democratic way. It protects our interests by keeping us informed. We are thus better equipped to make more intelligent decisions and less likely to be intimidated by those who

would use our ignorance to their advantage.

Lack of willingness to welcome questions signals something definitely is wrong, for in an atmosphere of openness an trust, problem-solving ideas are welcomed.

Keep up the good work, and thank you again.

Linda Fredrickson
Rhododendron

Let coaches coach

As a member of the Sandy Union High School football team, I have found the last three years to be a real struggle for the varsity team.

With different coaches and different ideas on the game of football coupled with some attitude problems on the part of players, it has been hard to achieve any consistency toward a winning program.

Last week we played Silverton. Though we played a good game and won, it was a game with a lot of penalties.

The reason I am writing is that I feel certain people involved with the high school and community find it their place to criticize our coaches.

Perhaps it would better

serve the team for these people to stay the heck out of the locker room after the game.

While we do not mind people coming in—win or lose—and telling us we had a good game or staying around to offer constructive criticism, what we do not need is a bunch of self-appointed experts who tear down the team or coaches.

Anyone concerned with football knows that at times the referees can make bad calls. While it is not the job of players or people that watch the game to contest calls made by referees, it is the coaches' job.

Coaches are not inhuman, far from that. They really care about us as people first, football players second. Anyone on the team will tell you that. When a call goes against our team, it can be expected that they get a little emotional.

Those that feel qualified to criticize our coaches, well, perhaps those that do should be coach, huh? But until that time, we will have a team that may not win every single game, but is at least learning how to be competitive.

And I, at least, thought that was the whole idea.

Tim Sytsma
Sandy High

Thank you

The family of Raymond E. Lindsey acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy.

We praise the Lord that Raymond had accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior.

We thank you all for your prayers and gifts, calls, cards and visits. I never again will wonder what to do when someone else loses a loved one. A call, a card, a loving arm around the shoulders, a hot dish, flowers, money, loving letters—each and every thing that was done was such a comfort to us all.

God has been very good and gave us so very many kind and loving friends.

Anna Mae Lindsey
and family

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Personally speaking:

Mountain groups inspire anachronyms



DAN DILLON

He looked like a sobbing human tragedy. Tears ran down his ruddy nose and dropped into his beer.

Occasionally, he ran his wrinkled, plaid sports jacket sleeve across his dripping nose and sighed, shaking his head. That was our only relief. Then he returned to his sobbing.

Who is that guy? I asked, pointing at the sobber. Does he ever stop or what? Can't he see we're trying to watch Tom Snyder on the television here?

The fellow next to me at the bar knew the tale of the sobber's woe. "College education," he said. "A lovely wife. Two kids right out of a cereal commercial. Detroit-made economy cars in the garage. Flashy plaid sports coats for every day of the week."

Well, that doesn't sound too bad to me.

"He works at WAR."

War? You mean he's some kinda soldier? What's he doing in that flashy red-and-blue plaid number then?

"No, no. WAR is short for Worldwide Acronym Research. He thinks up catchy names for people who want to form groups or have innocent-sounding sophisticated weapons."

"You know, intercontinental ballistic missiles? He's the one who

gotta keep coming up with the names."

"There's PORNO, who used to be the BOBS, who started out being the BIRDS."

Wait a minute, I said. What's this about porno and Bob's birds?

"No, no. PORNO is People Opposed to Rather Natsy Obsessions."

Oh.

"They changed their name from Bunch Of Big Shots, because the opposition started calling them Bunch Of Bull Stinkem and it had the same acronym—BOBS."

Okay. So, who's the birds?

"Well, the whole bunch was kind of disorganized in the beginning, but they knew they were mad, so they just called themselves the BIRDS, after the thing they said most—'But, I Really Disagree, Sir.' Then they found themselves a cause and took off, so to speak."

"That's whole thing is crazy."

"That's right. That's who they all took off after. How'd you know that?"

How did I know what?

"That they took off after CRAZY? You know, the Conservative Right And Zealous Young. That's who's fighting PORNO. See, CRAZY started out as Bunch Of Nice Guys—BONG, but the BOBS said all they do is have BONG parties, you

know with that wacky tabacky. So BONG became CRAZY."

"So now it's CRAZY going against PORNO and that poor, pitiful man down there at the end of the bar dreamed up all those names."

"But, there was always something different going on up there. That's why he's in here. After he got names for everyone so they were happy, the names didn't go along with what they thought were fighting about. It's a lot easier to name missiles."

Come on now, an acronym really tells its story truthfully, I said.

Suddenly, the sobber sprung up out of his seat and rushed toward me.

"What did you just say?" he screamed with joy in his eyes.

"What did you just say?"

All I said was, 'Come on now, an acronym really tells its story truthfully.'"

"That's it," he screamed. "Come on now—that's CON. Acronym really tells its story truthfully—that's ARTIST."

So, that's why everyone wants a fancy name, I said, so they can be a CON ARTIST. They think just because they've got a fancy name, the world's going to beat a path to their door.

Bartender, bring us both a beer. I feel like sobbing too.