

I Thought I had The Keys To The Universe, III

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An important element of your education or career development should be the ability to extract similars from concepts which seemingly have no relation, but, which upon closer inspection reveal that, truly, "nothing ever changes but the name of the game."

Such a commonality is seen between one particular aspect of "accounting" (balancing the books), and that of a Key process in the "physical sciences" (balancing energy equations). Specific reference is to that universal dictum in accounting"

A. Increases in Assets and Decreases in Liabilities or Capital are Debited.

B. Inversely, Decreases in Assets and Increases in Liabilities or Capital are Credited.

Works all the time, see if it doesn't! General Motors, Safeway or the Burger Barn--then try all the processes involving the "Conservation of energy". Soon you may find that Humpty Dumpty was right-- "Things are what I say they are" Thank goodness we learned and were encouraged to read while still in the early grades of elementary school. Consequently, this kind of successful logic was applied very early on, in learning, neighborhood science clubs, and still later in the professions. And our teachers told us we were indebted to "Lewis Carroll", the fun lov-

ing mathematician who wrote "Alice in Wonderland" and "Alice Underground".

Anyway, as I was saying last week, it was December, 1954, when I headed for Los Angeles to expand my skills and education for the "big time" (crazy time) would have been more like it). I had gotten my card certifying my qualification to practice in Federal Tax Court while still at Northwestern Law School back in Portland, but a friend had told me where the fastest money was for a newcomer in L.A I was directed to the busiest corner in Los Angeles, 47th and Central Avenue, a street car transfer point in the heart of the inner-city.

Following directions, I entered this huge liquor store with broad, expansive windows facing both streets and asked for the owner. He was busy, terse and to the point; "The 'Tax Accountant' we had 'in the window' last year died on us. The rent is thirty dollars every 24 hours whether your' here or not, starting right now. I'll have the janitor take out the liquor display, and put up the 'Income Taxes Prepared' signs". Soon, I was sitting in the window about 2 feet from a passing throng that bumped the plate glass barrier and checked out the signs. I had 3 clients that first hour. And people are right about that corner--within two hour you'll see someone from

childhood.

The reason the rent was based on 24 hour periods was that, like most big cities, everything and everybody runs around the clock; stores, check-cashers, movies, many clubs, churches, restaurants, you name it. I hired 2 sharp students from the City College Placement Department, and my tax station was going from 7 one morning until 2 the next -- catching all shifts of workers, 7 days a week. By March 15th I had accumulated a nest egg and was ready to rent a 'conventional' office on the plush "Crenshaw Boulevard". H & R Block was late but coming, but I was not yet familiar enough with the Los Angeles environs

and economic scene to try to replicate my activities in Portland--where, dba "Pacific Business Service", I had set up those branch offices in Vanport and across the river in Vancouver.

I have used this narrative, experiential structure to convey an often neglected view of a profession. That is, the practitioner as an entity beyond the nuts-and-bolts of the profession, the real person with hopes and ambitions interfacing with the realities of the system. Just as important as academia and the textbooks. On conclusion next week, I shall describe an economic scene where the activities of African Americans will simply amaze you, shock you. Why are we 'like' we are?

Bus Rider Advocates Hired

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sible for hiring and managing the Rider Advocate program. Tri-Met provides the equipment, training and coordinations necessary for smooth administration. Tri-Met expects the program to achieve its goal of improving riding experience and increasing ridership.

The advocates will wear special uniforms and carry hand-held radios, making them clearly identifiable to customers. The uniforms and black and orange jackets and polo shirt, all displaying a combined Tri-Met and Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods logo.

The advocates will work 40 hours a week, generally from 2:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., five days a week. They will concentrate their efforts on bus lines, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 41, 72 and 75 in North and Northeast Portland. Evelyn Crews is the supervisor of the program.

Veterans Day Parade Brings Out Prestigious Guest

Vancouver Mayor Bruce E. Hagensen announced that Lt. General Claude "Mick" Kicklighter will be this year's Designated Reviewing Officer for Vancouver's eighth annual Veterans Day Parade set for Saturday, Nov. 5. Gen. Kicklighter is executive director of the 50th Anniversary of WWII Commemorative Committee established by the June 6 D-Day remembrance in Normandy.

Another honored guest at the parade will be Ambassador Rozanne Ridgway, who will deliver the 1994 General George C. Marshall Lecture on Friday, Nov. 4.

The annual Vancouver Veterans Day Parade starts at 11 a.m. near Ft. Vancouver Historic Site and winds its way downtown. More than 90 entries are registered, with over 2,000 participants.

Washington D.A.R.E. Officers To Meet In Vancouver USA

The Washington State Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) Officers Association will hold its annual meeting in Vancouver on June 25-30 1995, Announced Cathy Green, Interim President of the Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce.

The meeting is expected to inject about \$220,000 into the local

economy, said Green. The group will meet at the Red Lion Inn at the Quay. Approximately 350 officers and their families from throughout Washington State and possibly Oregon, Idaho and Canada are expected for an estimated total attendance of 500.

According to Mary White, DARE officer with the Vancouver Police Department, the

Washington State DARE Officers Association previously has not held a convention near the Oregon/Washington border. According to White, bringing the annual meeting to Vancouver was a cooperative effort between Clark County, Battle Ground and Vancouver DARE officers.

"DARE's goal is to help every child to grow up in a drug-alcohol-

, tobacco- and violence-free society by teaching pro-active programs that educate children on life-coping skills such as self-esteem issues, coping with peer pressure and strong decision-making skills," said White. "Our annual meeting gives each officer an opportunity to share ideas and information that improve our ability to effectively teach the DARE program."

Derrick Bell Discusses Confronting Authority

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post as dean at University of Oregon Law School in 1985 after the faculty directed him to not extend an offer to a qualified female Asian American faculty candidate.

In 1990, he took an unpaid leave of absence from his tenured position at Harvard Law School in support of law students' efforts to gain more racial and gender diversity on the faculty and was dismissed.

In both deed and word, Derrick Bell's voice rings out on the realities of racism in America. In his previous books And We Are Not Saved: The Elusive Quest For Racial Justice and

again in Faces At The Bottom Of The Well: The Permanence Of Racism, he uses fictional parables, historical example, and debate to show that racism is a permanent element of American society.

When Beacon Press publisher Wendy Strothman suggested that Bell write a book about his personal experiences, Bell's idea was to provide a roadmap, based on my experience, and others that I talk about, about what actually happens when you speak out. I found very predictable patterns: those in authority are not pleased.

The result, Confronting Author-

ity: Reflections Of An Ardent Protester, is a personal account of Bell's beliefs and actions, the support and criticism from his colleagues and those his protests were intended to support, as well as stories of other lone protesters such as Alice Walker and Paul Robeson, and remains focused on the individual and the freedom that comes with following one's own conscience.

Faculty member at New York University School of Law, Professor Bell offers his support by speaking in this benefit for the Whitney Young, Jr. Education & Culture Center an after-school homework/ tutorial assistance program for students who

could not otherwise afford supplemental academic assistance. The Center features guest speakers, a multicultural library, computers, cultural events, scholarship incentives, one-on-one tutorial assistance, and a parent enrichment program for adults. Each year the Center serves over 250 students from more than 30 schools in the Portland area.

As recent property tax statements indicate, our schools receive about half the income from taxes as they did prior to measure 5: the WYJE&C Center, a vital adjunct to an endangered educational system, deserves public support.

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