

OPINIONS

Talking 'bout those financial aid check blues

Editor:

How is it that people who have jobs in the Financial Aid Office cannot get financial aid checks, to those of us who depend on them, out at a reasonable time? We were originally supposed to get second dispersal checks on June 7th (according to a letter from them with summer registration). It is now June 20th and they are still not ready.

The "Why" is a big mystery to those of us who are already done with classes for the summer. It must be nice for them not to consider it a problem considering they have enough to live on and can pay their bills. Some of us cannot live on a work-study paycheck alone and really need the money from loans we have taken out. Why can't the bank give the checks directly to us? If someone doesn't pay their tuition with it, that's their problem. I am not an 18-year-old freshman who is going to take the money and blow it on beer. Believe it or not some of us are responsible and know how to make a check out to WSU for the amount due. After standing in various financial aid lines throughout the years, I've heard from people that came from different schools that WSU is the worst when it comes to financial aid. I've never attended another school but anywhere has got to be better than here.

Julie Salter

Reactions® to® Probst, media® and® that® McLuhan® guy®

Editor:

"Every one today, in everything, is committed to revolution. But when the unanimity on the subject of revolution — of one type or another — has become complete, there will be no revolution! When every one agrees to be, or is forced to be, a revolutionary, then a new equilibrium will have been reached." (Wyndham Lewis, *The Art of Being Ruled*, 1927)

It seems to me that this point has already been reached: Revolution has become Institution. That's what the institutional trademark® on Revolution® represents.

That's why something as reactionary as smoking (hearkening back to "liberation" associated with women smoking in the 1920s) or giving a damn about whether the NY Rockets win the NBA finals (institutionalized sporting events: a "bread-and-circus" technique of ruling which dates back to least to ancient Rome) are considered "Revolutionary" in Mr. Probst's article on "Fighting the Power."

Mr Probst no doubt realizes this.

One of his recent editorials abrogates his approval for smoking, and, after all, he is the one who put the ® on Revolution®.

Mr Sage, however, in his reply, seems to have missed the joke.

So where is the real Revolution? It is in the very technology that Mr. Sage warns us about. Mr. Sage sadly misreads Marshall McLuhan. Re-read the quote he uses to warn us about the "all-encompassing, ever-present and far-reaching" Establishment. Professor McLuhan writes (*Understanding Media*, 1964): "The American stake in literacy as a technology or uniformity...is totally threatened by the electric technology." The threat Professor McLuhan warns of is a threat to the Establishment, to "the Gutenberg technology on and through which the American way of life was formed." It is the Establishment, the "uniformity," the "American way of life," that is threatened, and Professor McLuhan's warning is to that Establishment.

The threat itself is the new electric technology. In other words, the new technology is the real Revolution!

Mr. Sage speaks of the dimensions of the Establishment. The Third is "our psychological awareness" of its other dimensions. Our psychological awareness is what the new technologies and media affect.

In *Laws of Media* (Marshall and Eric McLuhan, 1988), the McLuhans show how electric technologies and media adapt us from a left- to a right-brain way of thinking. The point is that technologies and media affect not what we think but rather how we think.

That is the threat to the Establishment.

The Revolution is carried out not by smoking, not by protesting, not by supporting basketball teams.

It comes about by playing Nintendo Games before learning to read, by having MTV in every house, by plugging an answering machine into your phone, and by writing editorials with a computer.

But feel free to play the game of Revolution®: it's a great way for the Establishment to get you to ignore the real Revolution.

"Oh how soft, how gentle, and how sound a pillow is ignorance and incuriosity to rest a well composed head upon." (Montaigne, *Essays*, III, 1588)

McLuhan's message is that we must wake up to the nature of the changes actually going on around us.

Revolution® in its puerile and orthodox sense serves as a soporific dulling our senses and making us truly McLuhan's "technological idiot."

Wyndham Lewis's remarks on revolution are as apt today as ever: "Revolution" today is taken for granted, and in consequence becomes rather dull....Everything is correctly, monotonously, dishearteningly 'revolutionary.'"

Douglas McGarvey

Religious right is as 'evil' as the 'evils' they fight

Editor:

Fifty years ago this month the largest seaborne invasion in the history of the world was staged to end the rule of a dictator who robbed the dignity and human rights of groups of people who did not fit into his perfect mold. It is a shame that those beliefs did not die with him.

Washington Citizen Alliance and Idaho citizens Alliance are trying to steal the human right of a group of people who do not fit into their perfect "Christian" mold.

Whether or not you agree with the Gay, Lesbian life style, I urge you to vote No on the anti-Gay initiatives. To Yes is to open the door to more human rights abuses. If the gays lose their rights, who will be next? It might be another religious group that does not embrace "Christian beliefs." It might be people who have had surgery for birth control (According to the updated writings of the Catholic church sex is for reproduction only). Maybe it will be the old man down the street who likes to keep it to himself.

While these assumptions may seem far fetched now, remember that the roots of Hitler's final solution seemed far fetched in 1939.

Randy Johnson

Last thoughts on the meaning of Father's Day

Editor:

As the Reverend Jesse Jackson once said, it doesn't take a man to make a baby; it takes a man to raise a baby. Real men respect life. Real men respect women — and their bodies. Real men respect their own bodies. Real men take responsibility for their actions. Real men don't abandon their partners or children — no matter how small or young those children may be. Real men sacrifice themselves before their families. Real men stand up for what they know is right, no matter what the consequences. Real men are pro-life.

To all the men on the Palouse who take a beating these days from elements with bizarre, anti-male, even frightening attitudes, to all the former fathers, future fathers, and present fathers, I want to say a warm and thankful "HAPPY HAPPY FATHER'S DAY." The world couldn't go 'round without you.

Denise Ortiz

Lies from our Hanford leaders

Editor:

The Department of Energy and the Department of Defense are pri-

marily culpable for the chaos that has occurred in and around the Hanford Nuclear Reservation since the early 1940's. Under the rubric of national security, the American public, especially the people of the State of Washington have been deceived, lied to and placed in jeopardy by the above two U.S. agencies.

The policy of blaming the Westinghouse/Hanford Company for the ills of Hanford is ignorant and extremely naive. Westinghouse just happened to be the prime contractor at Hanford when DOE decided to allegedly "come clean" regarding our nuclear program. The security contractors at Washington D.C. have made all of the major prime contractors at Hanford "out and out liars" to the American people since the 1940's. DOE is still deceiving the American people. Over the past thirty years there has been a far more deceitful component at Hanford.

Battelle, the Pacific Northwest Laboratory, has been ripping off the taxpayers to the tune of billions with their 125% to 150% overhead costs on very questionable "Mickey Mouse" research. The latest Battelle research joke, the Hanford Environmental Dose Reconstruction project is just another example from a long tiring list of "garbage in, garbage out" research scams perpetuated on the American public. The entire HEDR project is bogus. HEDR is a fraudulent charade that lulls the apathetic public into believing that possible thyroid cancers resulting from the radioactive iodine releases from Hanford are now being addressed.

There is some hope, however. The international conglomerate Bechtel has arrived on the scene at Hanford and was recently assigned 1,000 jobs that were originally under the domain of capitalism. It has, however, one major redeeming quality, Bechtel always accomplishes what it sets out to do and traditionally with considerably fewer employees than most American corporations. I personally witnessed the transformation of Saudi Arabia under the mastery of Bechtel.

I predict, that within two years, Bechtel will be the only major corporation at Hanford. Westinghouse, Battelle, and other corporations will disappear. The mastery of the wisdom of a George Schultz and a Casper Weinberg will prevail to the wailing and gnashing of teeth of the current pretenders. In Part II we will touch upon the shady relationship, the long love affair between Battelle and Washington State University and the sabotage of the Hanford/Chelyabinsk Comparative Study.

Chuck Huffine

Part II

Editor:

On November 1, 1992, a preliminary proposal was submitted at a meeting with Westinghouse Hanford, Battelle, and DOE by

Washington State University. Essentially the proposal clearly articulated the advantages of WSU and the University of California, Irvine doing a complete social, economic, and environmental comparative analysis between Hanford and the plutonium extract facility at Chlyabinsk, in the Ural Mountains of Russia.

At this meeting, Westinghouse was represented by Mr. Dave Watrous, John Burk, and Penny Phelps; Battelle Pacific Northwest Laboratory by Terry Brown; and DOE by Contract specialist, Procurement Branch, Jo Laughlin.

Jo Laughlin made it clear to all that she wanted WSU to prepare an unsolicited proposal covering nine areas of principal investigation with WSU investigating Hanford and UC, Irvine investigating Chelyabinsk in the initial proposal. At this date, WSU is capable of doing the entire proposal in both the U.S. and Russia on its own if U.C. Irvine was to back out, which it later did. Both Westinghouse and Battelle were negative and encouraged a far more limited proposal.

It was also clearly shown that this project could be accomplished by WSU and UC Irvine far more impartially than by Battelle and with an overhead cost of only 50 percent as compared to the traditional overhead costs of 125 percent to 150 percent at Battelle. At a subsequent meeting between WSU and Jo Laughlin, WSU was openly encouraged to submit this entire project as soon as possible. With WSU administration encouragement and cooperation the proposal could have been submitted to DOE in April of 1992.

None of the WSU nine principal investigators were encouraged and supported by the senior administration at WSU. As of this date only one proposal has been submitted. One of the investigators personally told me that he was reluctant to proceed because he was "up for full professor" that year. In a letter to Westinghouse the principle investigator stated on June 28, 1993: "It turned out that (Name of the overall proposal designer who asked that his name not be made public) was a great deal more effective at recruiting participants for the WSU faculty than I was able to build into a good working team."

It needs to be stated that on the WSU Board of Regents sits one of the "hubcaps" from Battelle. It was estimated that the Hanford/Chelyabinsk project would have brought 22-30 million into WSU over five years had the project been funded. Initially, it stood a good chance of coming into full fruition. This project would have helped WSU considerably meet the HEC Board mandate of doubling the size of the WSU graduate school by the year 2010. In a recent news article Jo Laughlin of DOE was quoted as saying that she felt WSU had real "ego" problems. As of this date DOE is still encouraging WSU investigators to turn in their proposals.

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