

# opinion

## Beating around the bush

The state of the campus landscaping is a touchy one for the parties involved -- so touchy that some sources didn't want to be attributed to their own quotes in recent interviews.

They must work together and use the same equipment and it is understandable that they would not feel free to criticize each other.

However, there are things that need to be said and need to be brought out into the open concerning the state of the college campus.

Perhaps first and foremost, is the fact that this is an ugly campus in the opinion of some people. The large concrete block buildings are dehumanizing and are almost totally unrelieved by eye-pleasing landscaping. If the College wants to attract people to its extra-curricular activities it should make an effort to create a pleasing atmosphere.

Second is the lack of experience among those in charge of taking care of the existing shrubs and trees. These men

have had no formal training in landscaping and there has been at least one instance of trees being killed because of improper use of pesticides, according to one source.

The prevalent attitude seems to be one of keeping to be one of keeping the campus covered by grass, for the most part, because it is easy to maintain and requires minimal knowledge to grow.

Another important part of the maintenance question is human safety. After this week's violent wind storm, branches were observed hanging precariously from one of the large fir trees by the trailer area. These aren't called widow-makers for nothing.

It's time that landscaping planning became just that -- a plan. Not just a haphazard array of trees and grass maintained in the same haphazard fashion. Let grounds maintenance do just that -- maintain the grounds under the direction of a knowledgeable person who can insure the beauty of the College.

## feedback

### Involvement revisited

To the Editor:

In regard to the letter to the editor from David R. Griffin about "Get involved" in the Oct. 27 issue of The Print:

I can't help but feel sorry for a person that is so narrow-minded as him. The type of person who doesn't want to get involved could also be the type of person who would watch a murder take place and not help the victim.

For his information there are students who "get involved" in ASG that are married, have families, and carry a full load of credit hours.

As for the \$34,405 Student Government has control of, he answered his own statement by saying "student."

If you can't find the time or energy to voice your opinion about the monies in ASG and how they are spent, then stick your head in the ground and don't get involved, Mr. Griffin.

Don Bixler  
ASG Vice President

### Time enough

I am responding to the letter from David Griffin in your Oct. 27 issue.

In his letter, Mr. Griffin states that for a class load of 15 hours, one should spend 45 hours a week studying. But, that only involves 6.4 hours per day of study time.

The remaining 17.6 hours are "free time". Yes, work can take a bit out of that time, but there will still be time left over. Working eight hours, which is unlikely, 9.6 hours of time will still be left. Getting six hours of sleep at night, that still leaves 3.6 hours of time with which one could come to a dance or coffeehouse.

Have you even taken time to investigate the coffeehouses? Do you know that there is no admission charge and that students are encouraged to bring their families? At the last coffeehouse, there were five babies and quite a few young children. Everyone enjoyed the show, and it was a good chance for a family to spend an evening together.

To get involved simply means to show an interest in your school. Student Government tries to schedule events that students can come to and enjoy for no charge.

You don't have to become an officer in student government to be involved. You can, however, vote for senators and attend a student government meeting to see how your money is spent. Can't you spend an hour a week, or even an hour a month, simply to attend a meeting?

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Mr. Griffin, let me ask you one question. Do you go out at all so, why not go to a student government sponsored event? Are there events planned? Do you go out on different nights than when we have the events? Then let us know. We are here to serve you.

I am currently Activities Director for student government, working 14 hours a week as a secretary, and taking 18 hours of classes.

When asked, on a job application, "List the activities and positions held in clubs and organizations," the members of student government will be able to fill in that blank space.

Hallie Brown  
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### Gratitude expressed

To the Editor:

Last Wednesday, 75 Clackamas Community College students and staff each donated a unit of blood at the CCC Bloodmobile.

This blood has now been processed and each unit is helping up to four people to recover from the effects of disease, severe burns, accident or hereditary malfunction. Each unit of blood can be separated into four parts through medical technology but the process can't be done only if people donate.

Thanks to all who gave, or tried to give and were deferred, as well as to the students who worked on the bloodmobile. Special thanks to Bonnie Hartley, RN, who has organized these drives and appreciated the help of students in increasing the number of donors. The next drive is Wednesday, Feb. 15.

Giving blood is not difficult. Needing it is.

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