

Tuition increase needed necessity

Yes folks, that dark, always lurking, unavoidable nemesis that calls itself inflation has finally crept into the cozy confines of our very own academy of higher learning.

The College Board of Education recently approved College President John Hakanson's proposal to raise the tuition from \$135 to \$150 per quarter for students enrolled in 10 to 21 credit hours. Starting this summer, the College will charge \$15 per credit hour.

Nobody ever likes to see price increases, especially on something as valuable as an education, but in this day and age, it's very unrealistic to expect our own school to be able to control inflation, when the government hasn't come up with any successful answers to this persistent problem, either.

With the Consumer Price Index fast approaching 18 percent, a tuition increase was unavoidable. In fact, the 11.1 percent tuition hike facing this College is quite reasonable in comparison with that national figure.

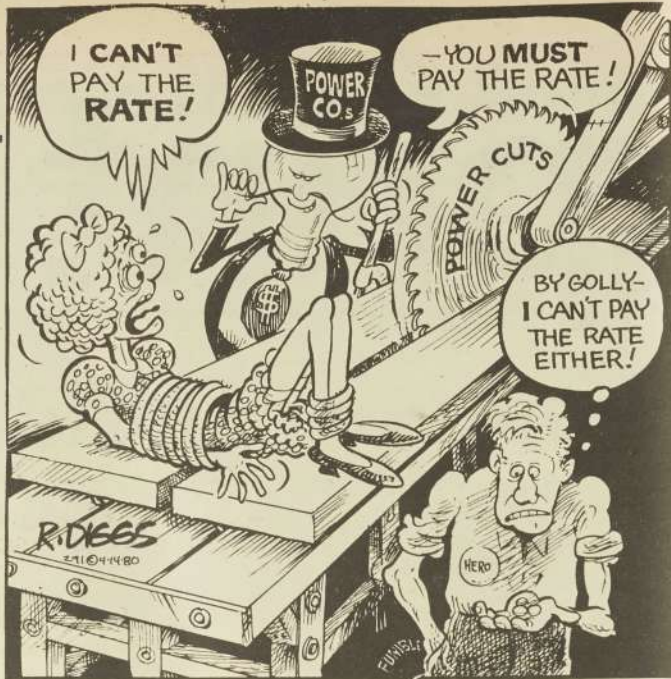
Even with this increase, Clackamas Community College's tuition rate is still lower than Mount Hood Community College (\$16.50 per credit hour) or Portland Community College (\$16 per credit hour). Hakanson stated, "Clackamas is very close to being the lowest tuition in Oregon," among community colleges.

The extra revenue generated by the increase will give the College a much needed \$150,000 to \$160,000 extra to help curb rising operating costs this summer and during the next school year.

Despite the fact that this increase is a definite necessity, veterans and students on welfare and other forms of fixed income will be affected, but these people are also affected by inflation on the national level everytime they purchase something at the store.

You can't blame this College for problems our government hasn't handled effectively. The only choice the Board of Education had was to adjust to the situation, which unfortunately meant a tuition increase.

Another \$15 per term is indeed a lot of money, but if an education is that important, it seems one would be willing to save a little money here and there to come up with the extra bucks to, as they say, "further that education."



Leary lover denied wisdom

By Tod Bassham
Of The Print

It had to be the greatest story of the decade. I'd read his books; I'd been steeped in the psychedelic aura of his Taoism; I'd realized that the ego was a prison and that subjectivity and objectivity were just names; I knew that all Life was just a game and that Death was only an illusion.

I was ready to see and experience the words and wisdom of, yes, Timothy Leary.

He was appearing Monday night at the Earth Tavern. (It's the weirdest feeling to call up that place and hear, "The Earth." Makes you wonder where you're calling from.)

He was here at last, the Har-

vard Ph.D. whose experiments with LSD, mescaline, peyote, etc., had opened another level of consciousness to the directionless anger of the hippie generation.

"Everything is Energy," he said, and the spiritually starved millions reached out to him. "E equals Mc²!" he cried, and the technology-oppressed throngs begged for more. "Energy is the Tao, the Way!" he shouted, and the Arab oil sheiks, nodding, raised their prices.

What ever happened to the sweet mysticism of those bygone days? Did we all sink into materialism, despair and decadence? Where were you, Timothy Leary, when we needed you? What happened

to you, and to us, over the years? Did even you go bourgeois? Why were you appearing at a dive in Portland, Ore., as a "stand up comic"? Why were you, a spiritually enlightened man, charging five bucks a head just to see you?

Alas, that will forever remain a mystery, for it seems that his humble reporter was too young to be allowed inside the tavern to see Timothy Leary's performance. Ah, those hypocrites! A man who is old enough to die for his country or vote a man into the highest office in the world can't be trusted with a bottle of beer? Capitalistic dogs! What would Timothy Leary have done? What would Timothy Leary have done?

feedback

Couple's cat protests skinning

Dear Oregon Logging Conference:

This is a formal letter of protest against what I feel is an irresponsible attitude taken by the group. I refer to the notice printed in our local campus daily news source, THE TODAY bulletin. In this notice, you are advertising the availability of scholarships in various areas, including CAT-SKINNING! This is the particular item that I take issue with. As a member of the feline race, I am personally outraged

that you not only condone such a barbarous act, but in fact, you seem bent on encouraging the continuation of this slaughter!

I would like to inform you that I am taking steps to stop this practice before it is too late. I have already been in touch with Greenpeace (the people who protect seals and whales) as to the possibility of including cats under their jurisdiction. I am also planning to run for public office on the platform of BASIC FELINE RIGHTS FOR CATS EVERYWHERE!

I feel certain that my feline constituents and I shall prevail over this situation. We shall stop this outrage once and for all! Once again it shall be safe for cats to roam the world over, free from fear of Cat-Skinners! Otherwise we shall have no other choice but to retaliate by forming an organized group of people-skinners! Put those friskies in your nose and inhale!

With Sincere Indignation,

Harry & Marge's Cat

Excessive grass-cutting guzzling gas

To the editor:

Could someone please substantiate the need to have the grasses of our campus continuously groomed at the rate of twice a week? These poor pollution-absorbers barely get to the height of two inches when, WHAM! Along comes a gas-guzzling tractor.

Can this abusive use of our gasoline really be justified? Why not cut them once every 10 days, or at the most once a week? When I go to enjoy the plushness of Mother Nature's carpet, I would rather not feel the hard Clackamas clay beneath.

Why not direct this waste of

man-hours toward solving of the "always" freezing showers? Why should the faculty and students who seek to better the quality of their lives through fitness, suffer from the problems of mismanaged, wasteful policies?

Fed up and freezing,
Dan Sicksels

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