

# Communique

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## Hakanson well deserving of federal appointment

Congratulations, Dr. Hakanson. In last week's issue of The Print it was reported that College President Dr. John Hakanson had been appointed to a White House Committee on Aging, thus congratulations are in order.

Dr. Hakanson gave welcoming remarks at the "Global 2000 Report to the President" discussion meeting (story pages 1 and 5) last Friday evening.

As he began his remarks, Dr. Hakanson stated, "Your applause has blown my contribution way out of proportion. Some days if you'll come out here (to the College) you'll see on the meeting agenda "Dr. Hakanson-Welcome". If you come back at noon, you'll see a luncheon meeting agenda that will say, "Dr. Hakanson-Remarks". Sometimes in the evening, maybe on the same day another

agenda schedule will say, "Dr. Hakanson-Comments". I get to do all of those happy duty obligations."

Dr. Hakanson was giving his opening remarks in a lighthearted manner, but fills a far more important role than simply an introductory speaker at various College functions.

The White House has recognized by making Dr. Hakanson part of a committee on aging. Hakanson is the delegate from Clackamas County on committee of 250.

It is not surprising that Hakanson's qualifications did not go unnoticed. He has chaired various senior citizens organizations, and has submitted reports on older citizens and employment to state officials.

Once again, congratulations, Hakanson.

## Election results: senators get no-vote

Last Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, the students of the College were asked to dust

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off their civic pride and vote for members of the Associated Student Government. We were asked to take about five minutes of our time and look over the ballots. But, with few exceptions, we did not.

Some interesting statistics

pop to mind when one thinks about the voting turn-out at the school. There are approximately 10,000 day-time students, both part- and full-time on campus. When you count in the night school and off-campus students, we've got a total population more than 20,000.

During the three days of voting, 128 brave souls cast their two-cents worth.

As most people would agree, this is hardly a sensa-

tional turn-out. In fact, it's awful. It works out to about 1.3 percent of the day-time student body giving a damn.

ASG President Sam Crosby was disappointed by the lack of interest. "I'm awfully concerned about students' desires and responsibilities toward student-oriented activities. We were expecting a much better turn-out."

So what happened? Mass apathy seems to have taken over and this writer was hardly

immune. I was standing by the ASG office, killing time, and waiting for someone to say something quotable, when Joe Rockwell. The voting booths resembled a ghost town.

"People are always complaining, griping and moping," said Crosby, "but they won't take time to vote." He also pointed out that Red Cross was on campus last week and left with 89 pints of blood, well short of their goal.

What's the problem? There was a time when you could always count on college students to get involved, even if no one else would. This is not an editorial designed to right some age-old wrong, but only to shed some light on a very serious problem.

OK. Your turn. What do we do?

was thronged with people something out of a New

Schweizer, assistant president asked me if I'd yet. There, not two-feet me, were the voting booths. They stood obtrusively in the middle of the floor and I to admit I hadn't seen before. So I voted, because I'd scrawled "Vote day," on my calendar, but of a combination of simultaneous citizenship and embarrassment.

The apathy was not evident on Friday. There was a free ice cream feed, held the intention of getting people within the vicinity of the booths. The ice cream

### Readers write

## Professionalism sadly lacking

To the Editor:

I'm an engineer at Tektronix; I graduated from college in June. Tonight I had my first class at CCC.

I wasn't an English major, so I'm not an expert in grammar or sentence structure... it really hurt me, though, to read *The Print* tonight. The feeling was as much embarrassment for the community image of CCC as it was hurt at the sad lack of professionalism that I saw in *The Print*. It made me want to sit down right away and write a letter... and I'm not the letter-writing type.

This letter isn't meant to criticize you personally, Rick (Obritschkewitsch, editor). I'm writing this because I wonder if you might scale your paper down, in size and scope, and do some intensive editing and proof reading before you print *The Print*.

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Take Thomas A Rhodes' opinion piece on Reaganomics, for example: I never did figure out exactly what he was trying to say. An opinion piece needs to be concise, readable, and straight forward if its writer hopes to influence anyone's opinion; Rhode's piece was none of those. His pseudo-intellectual style especially the first two paragraphs, didn't add to his effectiveness... it destroyed it. Any writer who hopes to take on the problems facing the national government needs to convince readers of his or her knowledge and intelligence... I'm afraid that Rhodes' run-on sentences made him look like a high-schooler, not someone who should be on the staff of a college newspaper.

J. Dana Haynes' MX missile cartoon was great! Improbably, biting, a good

representation of the combination feud/friendship the speaker (Thomas "Tip" O'Neill) has with the president (Ronald Reagan) these days... but he misspelled O'Neill's name. What a letdown...

Enough (more than enough) said... I'm really not eloquent enough to be making these high-and-mighty comments about your paper. But please do yourself--and the CCC image--a favor... work harder on your paper.

Sincerely,  
Jerry Peek

EDITOR'S RESPONSE:

We (*The Print*) probably did take on more than we should have in our first issue, going twelve pages instead of eight.

We appreciate any comments and/or suggestions on improving *The Print*.

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