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Don't sit on sidelines get yourself involved

Money, money, money. With the shape that today's economy is in, that is about all that anyone is thinking about. As college students it can be even tougher, if you are lucky enough to have a job. Going to college and working at the same time, is like having two jobs, but only getting paid for one.

Every department and organization at this College has been hit some way or another by the economic crunch. Even if a group does not have a reduction in funds, it does have a reduction in the numbers of staff or faculty members.

All the time we hear about cuts in the budget, and less things being offered because of financial difficulties. Just last week *The Print* ran a story about the possibility of the spring term play being canceled. And at the beginning of winter term, community colleges joined together

to show legislatures that the two-year institutions cannot afford cuts.

Some of the College's groups may go under if they are not supported. That just should not happen. As students, part of education is being involved in clubs or organizations. Our membership to some group activity is a learning experience. It is an important part of our education to get involved in a College organization, and not just hitting the books and forgetting about the College the rest of the time.

There are many different clubs and organizations sponsored by the College that anyone can get involved in. So, as we take away time from our working hours to get an education in the hopes of some day getting a better job or a better paying job, part of that education should include membership in a College club or organization.



A look at the weird side of ASG elections

The ASG elections were held last week. It was not a pretty picture.

This is an article on the losers.

By J. Dana Haynes

Actually, what with the constitutional revisions, there were only two offices to vote for, and thus only two winners. Meanwhile, there were 17 other candidates. We thought you'd want to know something about them, too.

Paul Nastari has been elected President (with 78 votes: not exactly a landslide). The other contestants were: Mike Winner with three votes, Terry Kelly, Mickey Mouse, and Sam Crosby with two votes apiece, and Mike Martin, Jerry Hale, John Schaffer, Debbie Haugh, Les Taylor, Greg Betts, Susy Ryan and Ed Coyne with one vote apiece.

The race for Vice-President was a bit more exciting. Jay Schaller was elected with 51 votes, followed by John Schaffer with 50. The runners-up, with one vote

apiece, were John Pyatt, Rick Obritschkewitsch, Mark Spooner, and Jeff.

We're not sure which Jeff. Anyway, we couldn't very well interview 17 people, so we talked to as many as we could.

The first obvious choices were Sam Crosby, Susy Ryan, and anyone else who is in the ASG. But since none of them were all that crazy about a voter turn-out of 107 people, in a school with upwards of 2,000 students, none of them were available for comment.

(Note: except Susy Ryan. This year's erstwhile Vice-President is indeed free for comment. In fact, as of presstime, she's not-so-patiently waiting to become a mother. When we asked her what she thought about her vote, she said "Huh?" Susy's been kind of preoccupied lately.)

The next person we thought to talk to was Ed Coyne, a member of the speech team and a man with absolutely no political ambitions. We asked Ed what he thought of his one vote. "Well, look. I got more votes than

Ford got in 1972, and he was President in '74."

The next name which caught our attention was Rick Obritschkewitsch, who just happens to be our editor in chief. We asked Obritschkewitsch what he thought about his one vote of confidence.

Rick glowered across his cancerous in-basket and suggested we do something a tad more noteworthy or we could find ourselves assigned to finding out what happened to the little pigs who have shuffled off this mortal coil and into the Biology III labs.

Moving on, the next obvious candidate with high name recognition was Mickey Mouse, who was tied for third with this year's Prexy, Sam Crosby (Sam was also unavailable for comment on that little fact).

We called Disneyland (1-714-999-4407) and asked to speak to Mr. Mouse. After several stints on 'hold', we were connected to his secretary.

"I'm sorry. Mr. Mouse is unavailable for comment."

We asked her if Mouse had actively run for the office. "Well, he didn't tell me. I think it must have been a write-in vote."

We asked her, hypothetically of course, if Mouse would accept the job, should something untoward happen to Nastari, Winner, Kelly, and Crosby (heaven forbid).

"I couldn't speak for Mr. Mouse, of course, but he does have a rather good contract with Disney."

We took that to mean the College couldn't afford him.

Finally, the nominee for the office of VP who got our journalistic curiosity piqued the most was Jeff. The question was not so much what Jeff thought, or would he be a good second-in-command. The question was: Jeff who?

A trivia column that floated around our office once

said that Jeff was amongst the ten most popular names in America today. And if we agree that there are something like 2,000 students at the College, then it seemed somehow safe to say that there could be as many as 50 Jeffs running around. Maybe as few as ten. Maybe as many as 90.

This was beyond our capacity as fighting young journalists, of course, so we picked one Jeff, hoping against hope that he would be a closet ASGer.

The one we tried was Jeff Coffman, also known as Duffy Coffman, photographer for the *Print*.

"I'm extremely proud and honored that my constituency came through so well for me," he said.

Of course, if you've known any photographers, you know they're one of God's more unusual creations. It was entirely possible that Duffy had ingested some illicit herb and imagined the whole thing. We didn't have the heart to tell him that, of course.

So we congratulated him. Now he thinks he's won.

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To the Editor:

With the Reagan Administration setting its sites on the higher education budgets, we need our Willamette Valley Congressman to be someone who will really defend out school budgets and all forms of continuing education.

I was there for the debate over Senate Bill 5563 (during the special session) when Ruth McFarland stood up and attacked the Governor and the Legislature as being "enemies of the people."

So I was shocked when, time to vote, McFarland turned coat and voted to destroy our community college budgets, just like all the other "professional politicians" she had just castigated.

Mid-valley voters need a candidate who can beat Denny

Smith, and one who'll stand up for higher education when it's time to vote—not just when it's to make speeches.

We need Dave McTeague, who'll represent Oregon in the proud progressive tradition of Senators Wayne Morse and Mark Hatfield and actively work the nuclear freeze and peace in El Salvador.

Sincerely,
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