

# Miss Manners in need of some etiquette lessons

By Kristi Blackman

Recently I think the American public has had a good laugh, or better yet a slight raise of the upper lip forming a look of disgust, for a lady who likes to be called 'Miss Manners.'

This prissy tongue-in-cheek snob has been making money off of a book titled "Miss Manners Guide To Etiquette," and hopes that it will start a movement someday. Unfortunately it has, but I would refer to it as having the same effect on people as a bag of prunes and an apple juice chaser (Not a pleasant one, I might add).

Miss Manners doesn't take her book seriously enough to promote it properly. On talk shows the woman makes jokes after each question and sounds very sarcastic in her answers, in turn making herself look like a clown. Now, is that technique in the book of etiquette?

My mom was the one who taught me how to act in public and also helped me develop the manners I would need for future reference. Now I suppose that when I get invited to have dinner with Queen Elizabeth II, and if I follow the actions of Miss Manners, I have

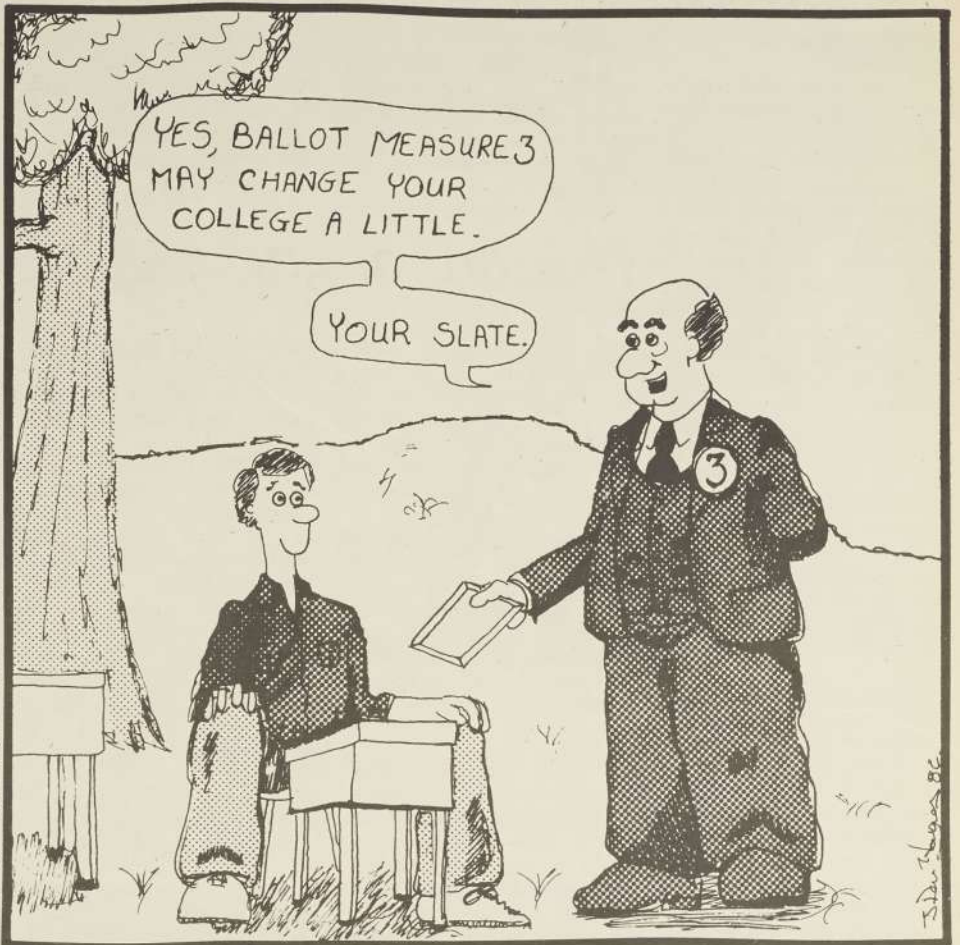
this distinct feeling I may be asked to leave.

Miss Manners feels the conversation at the dinner table should be somewhat restricted, and the future Queen of England, Diana, Princess of Wales, doesn't believe in restricting conversation at the table and feels free to discuss what she wishes. Miss Manners, how will you survive at the Queens table if they get desperate enough for dinner guests that they will invite you?

It seems to be the fad in this era to write books and see how much you can make off of it. Really, she can't tell you anything that's better than your mom's advice; at least you'll know that mom is sincere in trying to make you fit into society.

Someone should tell Miss Manners, that people will continue to do as always, they will shake their serviettes, sneeze around the table, lick their knives, slurp their soup and while eating their soup they will scoop the spoon toward their body instead of scooping it away from them and wiping the drip on the side of the bowl.

Some people will never change, so Miss Manners, put on your white gloves and hat and take a walk.



## Dialogue

### College films for family?

To the Editor,

I would like to voice my opinion concerning a couple of the movies you (the Associated Student Government) have chosen to sponsor this term. The following reasons are why I oppose them.

The movie "Up in Smoke" actually was an encouragement to use of drugs rather than a discouragement. This movie would only be appreciated by someone who uses drugs. It seems as though we at Clackamas Community College should not influence students toward the use of contraband, but rather look at the abuse of drugs objectively. For example, addiction, physical and mental affects, and consequences from the law.

The movie "Halloween," yet to be shown, portrays on the screen what we as society take a stand against. It is a sadistic film showing murder, torture, violence and promotes unnecessary fear of which we know there is enough already.

It's hard to understand why people try to classify morbidity as entertainment, and many who have seen the movie know that the various killings in this movie are sickening.

From a logical standpoint, a movie of this nature would not benefit the morale of students at Clackamas.

My aim is by no means to abolish all movies on this term's agenda, as a lot of work obviously went into the ordering of these films. I would, however, like to see some films with redeeming social value replace those of the type previously mentioned.

Perhaps a poll could be taken to see what the faculty and students at our school think a movie should or should not contain. This criteria would be helpful in choosing movies in the future.

Finally, however, I would like to commend your choice on the movie, "Windwalker." Although I was not able to see it, the comments and opinions of the students who did were very good.

Yours sincerely,

Dale Seale

### Students note backers

To the Editor:

I should hope that all the people interested in the defeat of Ballot Measure No. 3 will note the listing of contributors in the Oct. 15 Oregonian.

VIP's Restaurants (owners of the Rio Grande restaurant, just off our campus) is one of the major contributors to the passage of Measure 3.

Another contributor, Minute Maid orange juice, should get your attention. We should let these businesses know there is a price to be paid for their proposed poor treatment of their customers.

Bob Wynia

Assistant to the Dean of Instructional Services.

### Candidate for suveyor trustworthy

To the Editor:

We support Thomas A. Milne for Clackamas County Surveyor and want you to know why.

Tom is trustworthy and truly dedicated to his profession. He has a real concern for preservation of land monuments and records in Clackamas County.

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Mike and Ruth Curwick

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