

Dialogue

Student president welcomes in new year

Fellow Students,
Happy New Year and welcome to school! It's great to have you all back. For the new students—you're welcome too, and please feel at home on campus. Your student Government has exciting things for you all winter term.

First, I would like to emphasize a few plans on an issue that is of importance to all of us—the serial levy election. This is what the whole college depends on, and it should be on the minds of everyone. Even if you are leaving school you should be considering those who will come in future years. It has been said over and over that if all the students

voted we would never have a problem passing a levy. This time let's do it!

Student Government is putting together an Election Committee of concerned students to brainstorm and enforce some ideas we can do as a group to pass the levy on March 27. The first meeting of this committee will be on January 18 at 2 p.m. in CC 101. I encourage as many people as possible to attend.

For the rest of January we have several of our usual events coming up. We will keep you up-to-date in subsequent newsletters and through other campus publicity.

On January 24 there will

be a movie in the Fireside Lounge, "Fat City." "The Outsiders" will be shown in the Fireside Lounge on January 27. Both shows will play at 10 a.m. and be repeated at 1 p.m. Our first "Family Night" movie of the term, "Annie," will be shown at 7:30 p.m. on January 20. We also have a mini-program comedy show on January 18 at noon.

I would like to appeal to all students for your cooperation on two things. First, our once-a-term blood drive will take place on February 7. The second item is about the newly upholstered furniture in the mall. Some students are com-

plaining about not being able to smoke in CC Mall. Our reason for this is to prevent cigarette holes and misuse of the furniture due to past experiences. We need to cooperate to keep the furniture tidy and the mall area too.

This term student government is going to try a couple new things. We hope these new programs will be here to stay. The first of these is a campus tour program. This would enable visitors and new students to get familiar with our campus and with what is available. However, this is still in the planning stages and any ideas from students are ap-

preciated. The other new program is a dinner theatre. For \$6 you can attend a dinner plus watch a live theatre performance by a professional group. Tickets will be sold in advance and seats will be reserved. Make a date on February 23.

Finally, you are all invited to our annual Ski-Bowl with Mt. Hood, Chemeketa, and Portland Community Colleges on February 6.

Once again, welcome back!

Sincerely,

John Sagoe
ASG President

Letters to the editor

Park sale represents mismanagement

To the Editor,

The Deep Creek Park sale represents another example of the county commissioners' mismanagement of the assets and best interests of the people of Clackamas County. These elected officials are going to sell off public land at a price that would make a prudent investor blush with embarrassment.

The land plus valuable timber are being sold for \$5,300 per acre. Most citizens would be very happy to find just land at that price, let alone a windfall of valuable timber.

This isn't all the problem though. This money raised from the sale is to be used to support the remaining inadequate parks system in Clackamas County. The kicker is that the purchaser has agreed to pay off the modest debt from the timber revenues in five years or less. What happens to our park system when we no longer receive payments from the sale of Deep Creek Park? Sell another park?

I would certainly not want my investments handled by Clackamas County's commissioners! Sounds like a sure-

fire way to end up bankrupt.

Obviously, the commissioners have turned a deaf ear to the residents (so what's new) in the area of the park, not to mention the Estacada City Council in coming to this decision to sell off the public's resource.

Just when we thought we had gotten rid of James Watt, he shows up here in the form of Clackamas County commissioners.

Sincerely,

Richard Weiss

Lobdell's rate increase repudiates voters' will

To the Editor

Former Public Utility Commissioner Lobdell's grant of a rate increase to PGE and PP&L to pay for abandoned power plant projects is a travesty and a repudiation of the will of the Oregon voters.

This rate increase, which will amount to over \$100 million, is to pay for the utilities' abandoned investment in two unneeded and expensive nuclear power plants incurred before passage of Ballot Measure 9 in 1978. As Executive Director of Oregonians for Utility Reform, the sponsor of Ballot Measure 9, I know that our exact purpose was to prevent these charges from being passed on to utility ratepayers, a position which was ratified by 69 percent of the voters.

This unfortunate decision has confirmed my worst fears that the process of utility regulation in Oregon is breaking down. The public utility commissioner, appointed and accountable to the governor, no longer is representing the public's interest as he is re-

quired by Oregon law to do. Further, we do not have an independently funded consumer advocate in rate case proceedings as Wisconsin does with its highly effective Citizens Utility Board.

To enforce the will of the voters' decision in 1978, I expect to join shortly the lawsuit filed by the Coalition for Safe Power to overturn this wrong and unnecessary rate increase. While the utility companies have a pocket as deep as your utility bill to protect their rate increases, we as consumer advocates do not. Therefore we must now appeal publicly for your support.

The Ballot Measure 9 Defense Fund has been formed to support our attorney in the upcoming court fight which could go all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court. Please send your support to the Ballot Measure 9 Defense Fund, Box 863, Clackamas, Oregon 97015.

Sincerely,

Dave McTeague

Print article draws criticism, concern

To the Editor,

I am writing in response to Darco Procaccini's article "Disarmament Needed Now." I am not complaining about the story itself. My main resentment concerns the point made about the 12,000 Air Traffic Controllers (ATC's) being fired for "disagreeing with the government."

First off, their contract clause specifically stated that there would be no striking, and if there was one, then those striking would be fired.

Second, and certainly not least, are the circumstances surrounding the strike. The controllers chose to go on strike the instant that around 200 planes were in transit nationwide. Most of the planes were carrying an invaluable cargo—innocent lives!

What this left airport personnel (what there was left of them)

to scramble together replacement ATC's to get those planes and their irreplaceable cargoes safely on the ground. The ex-ATC's were probably hoping for a serious accident to happen in their absence; this they would have used as a bargaining chip in dealing with the government. The government, of course, acted quite rationally in response to this action. I definitely feel the ex-ATC's got what they deserved. They were lucky that no one was seriously injured because of their self-centered stupidity. Otherwise, their punishment would have been more severe than losing their jobs!

I have one question, Mr. Procaccini, seeing as how you sympathize with the ex-ATC's' cause. Do you agree, as they did, that human life has upon it a price tag? I certainly hope not!

I think the ATC strike of 1981 can best be remembered as one of the most blatant disregards for human life this nation, or any other nation, has ever experienced.

Chester Kleinhaus

Denny Smith's town meetings a farce

To the Editor,

Congressman Denny Smith's town hall meetings are a sham and a farce. Recently Smith voted to cut off all Medicaid funding of abortions for poor women whose lives are clearly endangered if pregnancy is continued.

When asked directly, Smith refused to explain his vote! His only answer was "I

voted my beliefs." Is it Smith's belief that poor women must die if unable to afford an abortion? Such an extremist position surely demands a better answer from our congressman, especially at one of his town hall meetings paid for by the taxpayers for the express purpose of answering questions from constituents.

Whether you are pro-

choice or anti-abortion it seems eminently reasonable to afford poor women (and there are many) the right to an abortion in a situation where a woman's life is threatened.

Sincerely,

Naomi Angier, President
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N.O.W., (National
Organization for Women)

