

Monologue



College needs respect it deserves

By Doug Vaughan
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Levy ('lev-e) n, 1. the imposition or collection of an assessment. (a.k.a. life or death for Clackamas Community College fall term 1984).

It is no secret. The Board of Educators has attempted twice to pass a three-year serial levy, and both times it has failed. In November the thought was that it failed because it was the only issue on the ballot. So it took to the ballot in March. To no avail it struck out again.

The question is, will the third time be a charm? For the residents of Clackamas County, let's hope so.

Community colleges are an integral part of the education system today. Let's face it, today is not the time when everyone who wants to go to college can.

It also is the answer to people who find their jobs obsolete. The community college gives unemployed workers an alternative to unemployment.

The next date to mark on your calendar will be May 15. Once again the future of Clackamas Community College will go up against the voters. This time though it has a new wrinkle. The previous two proposals were identical three-year serial levies. The new attempt will be a tax base.

A tax base puts limitations on tax increases. Basically, all dollar amounts are the same as the two three-year levies that were proposed. The only change is that the College is setting a limit on tax increases, an area which should get voter approval.

The activity that goes on behind the classroom doors on campus is just a fraction of the College's worth.

Besides two-year programs and university

transfer programs the College offers several other projects such as General Education Diploma (GED), Adult High School Education and English as a Second Language.

It also works through area community schools with community development programs. It opens its doors to the community for open recreation. It provides seminars and series for local residents. The list goes on.

The threat is that Clackamas Community College will no longer be offering any of these programs, much less day to day classes unless the voters approve the College's proposal.

Clackamas Community College reaches beyond boundaries that are typically related to its name. The credit it gets will probably always linger below what it deserves. The respect that the county voters have shown typifies this. It's time we support Clackamas Community College the right way.

Letters to the editor

Sexual reproduction technology article needs research

To the editor,

I am submitting this letter in response to Mr. Vaughan's article in the February 29 issue of *The Print*. In his article, which addressed the ramifications of artificial insemination, specifically, the scientific applications thereof, Mr.

Vaughan stated that this process is both inhuman and immoral.

The American Heritage Dictionary defines "inhuman" as: "Not human; lacking kindness or sympathy, cruel; (and) not of ordinary human form." First, any

scientific procedures involved in this process are performed by human beings exercising their innate traits of curiosity and intellect; this process then, must be human.

Second, a lack of sympathy, kindness or a predisposition toward cruel-

ty on the part of the scientists or others involved is absurd. But if they were to be applied, then would it not be unkind, unsympathetic and cruel to not experiment and thus deny potential new breakthroughs to those whom they may be of life-benefiting or life-saving importance?

And third, these scientific endeavors are performed, as aforementioned, by human beings utilizing their natural human qualities. The processes, then, must constitute "ordinary human form."

In response to the charge of immorality, it must be stated that that is a question of personal belief, brought about by subjective experience. If morality is to be applied, however, it must be kept in mind that there are two sides to that fence: would it not also be immoral to deny potential life-benefiting or life-saving findings to those in need? Experimentation on human embryos may bring to light the cure for cancer or any other number of enigmas. Who can say?

Although there is not as

yet definite proof of heredity determining intelligence, evidence does point that direction. The statement by Robert Grahame, "The more intelligent you are, the more children you should have," used by Mr. Vaughan in his article, is entirely correct. Unfortunately, trends in this world and in this nation are just the opposite: intellectuals are sensing the need for population control and are curbing their production of offspring, while those of an average or below intellect are proliferating with gay abandon.

The issue of scientific research, whether it be on rats or humans, is and always will be one of moral judgement. The human organism, however, is doomed to an insatiable quest for further knowledge. Where it will lead only time will tell. Until then, Man's gotta do what Man's gotta do.

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Campus club announces special week

To the editor,

The Clackamas Christian Fellowship is pleased to present plans for its first week of special outreach, April 16-20. This week will be dedicated to the theme of Christ's resurrection and we as a club hope to uplift and glorify Jesus on campus, sharing what He has done in our lives and pointing students to what He can do for them. We believe that Jesus is the answer for each life, and that because of His resurrection, He can enter into each life to heal it, bring peace and solve problems.

Our goal is to meet people where they are at and show that we care. Rather than criticize peoples' lifestyles and judge them, we will strive to offer them love and acceptance.

The scheduled activities include movies, dramatic presentations, speakers, a Christian rock band and in-

dividual contact with students to share Jesus with them. 620-2426.

For more information, please contact Dan Younquist at 657-3905, or Dale Seale at Dale Seale Christian Fellowship President

Library not place for art

To the editor,

I can hardly believe that Clackamas Community College is trying to pass off the radical left-wing propaganda that currently graces its library's walls as art. At a time when the College is appealing to the conservative constituency of its district for levy approval, someone chooses to display "art" that portrays the United States as a nation full of oppressive, warmongering human rights violators.

What timing. Exhibiting a display that compares the American business community with the Nazis is not my idea of good public relations.

Donna Grund Slepach, the artist who created the display, has the constitutionally guaranteed right to her own personal political beliefs. She, if she chooses to do so, can expose her own particular brand of anti-Americanism until hell freezes over. I don't care.

I can tolerate views that are contrary to my own. What I cannot tolerate, however, is the fact that CCC is providing this Marxist-inspired activist with a forum to spread her beliefs at the taxpayer's expense.

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