

Monologue



College services deserve much more support

By Shelley Ball
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School is winding down, and once again the time has come for *The Print's* reigns of command to be passed from the hands of the old editor in chief to the new. And since I am the one to take over the helm this time around, I would like (whether or not anyone else does) to take this opportunity to thank two *Print* staffers in particular for helping and putting up with me over the past two years.

I tip my hat to Doug Vaughan and J. Dana Haynes, and wish them the best of luck in the years to come. Most students may not know or care, but the College will be losing two of the best *Print* writers come next fall. That is, if there is a next fall...

As it turns out, the third time was definitely not a charm, as most Clackamas Community College students, faculty and staff no doubt were hoping it would be. The College's most recent tax base proposal was soundly defeated, making it the third failed proposal in a row for this school year. The final election results were

27,896 no to 22,711 yes.

Of course this particular defeat didn't come as a big surprise to anyone (June levy activities were being planned before the primary), since the College's tax base proposal had to compete with numerous other measures on the May 15 ballot. The College still hasn't beaten its all-time record of taking four tries to get a money proposal passed, however. Not yet.

The bottom line is, folks, that if the College doesn't get some sort of a money measure passed by next fall, I and other students can turn in our textbooks and go home. Clackamas Community College will be no more, as nearly everybody should know by now.

This will be the last issue of *The Print* for this school year, due to the fact we, just like other campus departments, have been subject to budget cuts because the College couldn't get a levy passed way back in November. I don't intend to use space preaching about the importance of the College, because most people linked to the institution in one way or another already know this.

Or do they? What about those students who attend the College and yet voted "NO" on the ballot(s), in

order to please their nearly-property-taxed-to-death parents? Granted, Oregon desperately needs a property tax relief plan, but closing the College's doors isn't the best answer. Don't these students care to return next fall?

And what about those community members who vote no because they or their kids are not attending the College, and therefore feel the College has no other benefits to offer? You'd be surprised how many people can be found using the College indirectly, such as by jogging on the campus or using its fields so their child athletes can play soccer or some other sport. Doesn't the College get credit for providing these services?

After having lost three consecutive levy proposals, one starts to get sweaty palms. Time is running out. The Associated Student Government and other College supporters have hustled their hines to try and encourage the passage of a money measure, all to no avail.

In desperation, I'm beginning to wonder if Social Sciences Instructor John Rau's witty remarks about passing a money measure are really as bizarre as they originally sounded.

Nowadays, it appears the only way the College can expect to pass a levy is if it declares itself a zoo (by way of the Environmental Learning Center) in the hopes it would do as well as the Washington Park Zoo levy did, or else threaten to close the College's doors and sell out to our Antelope friends, the Rajneeshees. Now those proposals are good for a laugh. The question is, will we College students still be laughing next fall?

Unless more people start appreciating the College for its many services, June 26 will probably be no different from the previous elections. The College is going to have to regroup its forces, and a lot of pressure will be placed on the College's newly-elected executive cabinet of the ASG to put out an even greater campaigning effort than the previous group did. If that's humanly possible.

Perhaps the scare of the College closing hasn't hit home to some voters yet. In any case, let's hope that the fourth time will be a charm.

(Editor's note: Farewell, Mr. Proccacini, and remember: I expect you to participate in three demonstrations this summer.)

Political protest may be behind Clark win

By J. Dana Haynes
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It seems fair to say many political analysts were surprised by last week's upset victory of Bud Clark over Frank Ivancie for the position of Portland mayor. However, it doesn't have much effect on those of us in Clackamas County, right?

Well, maybe yes; maybe no. Surely, the day-to-day activities of Portland politics do not directly involve us suburbanites. However, some changes may be in store, the repercussions of which will be felt on the national level, and the Clark victory may have been only a factor, not a cause.

First, one must realize just what both candidates represented. To many people, Ivancie seems the quintessential bureaucrat, forever envisaged with his well-tailored suits, tasteful ties and quick, firm handshake of a businessman. In other words, Ivancie carries with him many of the upper-class, execu-droid traits for which Ronald Reagan is famous.

Conversely, Bud Clark is a tavern owner and looks every inch the part, with his round, bushy beard, savvy grin (as opposed to a suave smile) and half-glasses. After the election, *The Oregonian* ran a front-page picture of the winner, paddling his boat down the Willamette, clad in shorts and sleeveless hunter's vest.

All of which leads to the question: How did Clark, a political no-one, steal the election away from Frank Ivancie, the well-oiled party man? It is a question which, perhaps, the Powers That Be in Washington, D.C. should ponder.

It could well be that the people of Portland have cried "Enough!" Enough to Ivancie, enough to Governor Vic Atiyeh, another smooth-as-silk politician, and even enough to Ronald Reagan, the ultimate bureaucrat. After all, the same voters who elected Clark voted strongly for Gary Hart, the "yuppie" candidate for the Democratic Party in the presidential race, whose image is that of a liberal maverick (a la Clark).

Consequently, the mayoral race was intriguing. As Frank Ivancie makes a fine foil for Ronald Reagan, so too could the *vote against Ivancie* herald a plea for change in the presidency.

Many people across the nation currently consider Reagan to be the shoe-in for November. Not so. Granted, he is a strong, polished incumbent, and it will take a tough fight and good, solid strategy to beat him, but beating Reagan is possible. Dan Rather, anchorman for CBS news, alluded to Reagan's slim vulnerability, during Rather's stay in Portland last week. Even George F. Will, conservative columnist for *Newsweek* and a Reagan groupie, acknowledges the possibility for defeat.

In many ways, there has been an air of inescapable doom in democratic circles during the past few years. If democrats and independents truly believe Reagan to be omnipotent, then that belief will act as a self-fulfilling prophecy. If democrats and independents believe he can—or rather, he *must*—be defeated,

then it is possible.

Portland may be the political backwaters of the world, but last week's race may well be a harbinger of things to come. If the Democratic Party gets

organized and quells any internal bickering, then 1984 could be Ronald Reagan's Waterloo. If not, he'll be with us until '88.

Either way, it's going to be one hell of a fight.

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