

# Monologue

## Waxing nostalgic on the ELC

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It's not unusual for people to ignore or grow accustomed to the extraordinary sights of the world when their presence is a daily occurrence. For example are the natives of the Oregon Coast who never spend a day at the beach. Do people in Arizona visit the Grand Canyon? Most likely they vacation at Niagra Falls. When touring Yellowstone Park I saw a rainbow of license plates, the least number bearing the stripes of Wyoming.

In a smaller way, I found myself guilty of the same hometown neglect. Nearing the end of my second year at Clackamas Community Col-

lege, I had never stopped to appreciate one of the College's outstanding features. The problem was not that I was unaware of its uniqueness and the draw it had on many other students. I had probably read more about it than the majority of students. But for some reason, I'd never indulged myself in a stroll through the John Inskip Environmental Center.

Just by chance, I decided to take the plunge in to the nestled nature walk, while enroute to more studious activities in Clairmont Hall. I couldn't believe the amount of activity that was all around. Not to mention how much larger it is than what appears form the outside enclosure.

The next week, I visited the ELC again. Upon spying a rabbit playfully eating lunch, I pointed the furry ball out to three small children. I expected to hear the same noises that I made as a child upon sighting anything remotely cuddly. Instead of the expected reaction, the children looked at me with slightly less than sheer boredom and scampered off (to play video games, I sullenly thought.)

Undaunted, I continued to watch until the rabbit finished eating and scurried off. As I walked out of the ELC, I said a small thanks to the people who have put in their time, effort and spirit to create this soothing and refreshing spot on campus.

## ASG vs. Administration: Who calls the shots?

By Shelley Ball  
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An interesting question was raised a few weeks ago involving the governmental powers of Clackamas Community College's Associated Student Government (ASG). It was a question that, unfortunately, was never given a direct answer.

The ASG had the chance to invite Frank Stallone, brother of actor Sylvester Stallone, on campus to speak but they ended up declining the offer. Although reasons such as shortness of time and unclearness of speech material played a role in the cancellation, a major force behind the ASG's action was because interim President Lyle Reese told ASG President Daniel Hilts he refused to allow the activity to take place on Friday, May 24.

Reese made this decision because he was concerned that Stallone might attract a large crowd and raise the need for extra security on campus. Although the decision to cancel Stallone rested with the ASG, it is clear that Reese had the final say in the matter. Considering the fact he was concerned about "the possibility of disruption or threat" to students resulting from a large, emotionally charged audience, I suppose most people wouldn't argue that Reese was needlessly but-

ting into the student government's affairs (except, perhaps, for some members of the ASG).

Then again, there was absolutely no proof Stallone would have caused a riot, and as near as anyone can tell, there is no policy addressing the issue of the ASG asking permission in sponsoring activities. From what I understand, the ASG could have gone ahead and held the event without Reese's permission. At least, that's what everybody I talked with concerning the matter, from Student Programs Specialist Dave Buckley to Reese himself, said to me as I was gathering information to write a story for The Print.

Just as that phone call from Stallone's PR person caught the ASG off guard, I suspect Reese, Buckley and anyone else involved in the issue were caught off guard as well. It's been said such an issue (with these particular circumstances involved) has never come up on campus before, so perhaps that's why there was such a muddling of information.

Then again, it would have been interesting had the ASG decided to go against Reese's wishes. Perhaps if push had come to shove, the question concerning the power of the ASG would have been answered directly and openly.

## Community Corner

By Fritz Wenzel

### I'M OKAY, YOU'RE OKAY, HER I'M NOT SO SURE ABOUT

Who was that running around campus Monday Afternoon in a mouse suit, anyway? My reporter instincts got the best of me, so I approached her. I only got as close as 35 feet before she started to wave at me. "Must be a relative of Mickey Mouse," I said to myself. I came closer to her, and all of a sudden the horror of my situation struck me. No, I wasn't wearing bright orange-yellow pants, so I wasn't worried that she was going to mistake me for a cheese wedge, and I have already had my yearly bubonic plague immunization, so that wasn't what caused me such trauma. As I came closer I realized that I had no idea what you are supposed to say to a person (I think it was a person) who is wearing a full mouse uniform. "How's it going?" didn't seem appropriate. I thought for a second there might be refuge in Weather conversation, but what do I care what someone dressed up as a mouse thinks about the weather? The other frightening thing is when you are close to a human-size mouse, everyone who isn't so close thinks that you are their friend. Somehow that association didn't stop from getting right to the point: "Why are you walking around this information mecca wearing a full-mouse uniform?" I asked her. She said that she was giving a speech about her job in a class she was taking. "So where do you work?" I asked her. She said that she worked for Organ Grinder Pizza. There was only one more question to ask. "Are you now, or have you ever been, romantically inclined with Chuck E. Cheese?" She said she hadn't, and she was not now.

### SO, WHAT'S GOING TO BE UP, DOC?

Perhaps a fitting end to this school year would be to take a look in front of us and try to predict what is going to happen. According to The People's Almanac, some of the top newsmen did, and I have the results of their

predictions. The number one story of the foreseeable future is that Jesus Christ had returned to Earth. I would have to agree with that one. Number two was that Advanced forms of life had been found on another planet, followed by a permanent peace coming to the world, nuclear war leading to annihilation of most peoples, and a new low-cost energy being invented.

Some of the others that were mentioned were a woman becoming President of the United States, terrorists with a nuclear warhead making demands, factual proof that Shakespeare did not write his plays, the capturing of the Loch Ness Monster, and a complete cure for cancer is found.

What about Clackamas Community College and it's greatest stories? here are a few of my greatest headlines from CCC.

SCHOOL AGREES TO PAY STUDENTS TO ATTEND CLASSES.

INSTRUCTORS TO PREPARE SALAD PLATES FOR ALL CLASS MEETINGS

90,000 ATTEND FIRST CCC FOOTBALL GAME IN CAMPUS' NEW DOMED STADIUM

YALE PRESIDENT LEAVES POST TO FURTHER EDUCATION AT CLACKAMAS GOLF COURSE OPENS ON COLLEGE GROUNDS, GREEN FEES FREE TO STUDENTS

PRESIDENT REAGAN LOCATES MEMORIAL LIBRARY AT CLACKAMAS

**BITS AND PIECES:** Did you know Neil Diamond and Barbara Streisand graduated from the same high school? No wonder their duet "You don't bring me flowers anymore" sounded so well rehearsed.

**HERE'S SOMETHING TO CHEW ON:**

The United States consumes the third-highest per capita amount of calories in the world? We are still okay, though, because we aren't even among the top thirty in population density, so I guess you could say we have room to grow.

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