

Opinion

Parents - what a concept

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Thanks Mom!

Moms, what would we do without them? We certainly couldn't have made it here without them. All those stories we hear year after year about how much trouble they had to go through in order for us to be born. From morning sickness to the actual delivery, each story has a purpose and that purpose is to make us thankful to have such wonderful Moms.

So now that we know how wonderful our Moms are, how do we show it? We cry and whine for more attention and love as babies. Then we go off to school when we're about five or six and make them sit through class plays and PTA meetings, have them chaperone us and 30 of our classmates on field trips, and have them make dozens of cookies and cupcakes for the class Christmas party. Most Moms don't mind doing these kinds of activities and many of them even enjoy it, but they often don't get thanked for it.

Then we become teenagers and enter junior high and high school. No longer do we need Mom to chaperone us or make cookies, we're too old for that now. We want to be independent. And just how do we become independent? We rely on good old Mom to help us out. Mom gets to be the one to drive us to our new job at the local fast food restaurant, as well as to football games, dances, and our best friend's house. We ask her to be at our beck and call at

every moment, whether she likes it or not.

And what do we do for Mom after she does all these favors for us? We keep our rooms as messy as possible, leave our dirty laundry on the bathroom floor, and complain whenever we're asked to do the dishes or take out the garbage. This, of course, makes Mom mad and she yells that we don't appreciate all the things she does for us and we yell back that she never lets us do "anything."

Who's right in this situation? I can guarantee that it's probably not us. Mom is always right, whether we like it or not. They have this uncanny, almost frightening way of always knowing everything. They tell us not to do something because such and such will happen, and it does...everytime. How do they know??? Are they psychic? Probably not, they've just been there before and they remember how it happened to them. Isn't it nice of them to tell us what to do to keep the same thing from happening to us? Too bad we don't listen more often.

So this Sunday when that one day a year comes around for us to fully appreciate Mom for all she does for us be sure to do so. It will make her feel loved and it will make you feel good and that's all anyone ever needs out of life is love. Happy Mother's Day, Mom. You're appreciated and loved even if it's not shown all the time.

To the Editor

In your 4/29/87 issue of The Print the question was asked "Does anyone know what ASG is?" You also mentioned how, of all the students here at CCC, that only a very small percentage voted and only 15-20 people were at the debate, and out of this number five were ASG members.

As a concerned student, I would like to comment on the matter. I was at the debate! The questioning floor was held and not released by some of these ASG members, asking questions on non-relevant issues, actually they were trying to run down one certain candidate (in my opinion).

The main reason that hardly any of the students were present was that they either weren't given substantial notice or they didn't even know there was going to be a debate. Next time, I would suggest that you front page the debate in the prior week issue of The Print. This way students are informed; more than just a few hours before the debate notice in the Today. As a NEWS publication, it is your duty to the student to let them be aware of the "happenings" on campus, not just sports, but all things that concern them as a whole.

It is ASG's duty to let students know "What's Happening" on campus. If a poll was to be taken you would probably find that most students don't "know who or what" ASG is.

ASG should have a spot in The Print to let us know what their agenda is every week, such as coming events, issues we need to know about, and any advertising they need.

If we students are better informed, I really feel you will have more student participation.

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by Dean Grey
Editor

Highways and byways

The other day I was driving in Portland and realized that there is no direct route to wherever I needed to be. This of course is not an uncommon problem, as a matter of fact every time I go to Portland I have to take a scenic drive through God knows where, never to be repeated twice, to get where I want.

After I got home from this real life nightmare I went directly to bed where I proceeded to have this ghastly dream about some Road commission that has set out to change the streets of Portland. In the dream I was sitting watching the news at about eleven or twelve at night when the following news report came on...

...In recent weeks the Road and Highway commission has received literally hundreds of letters complaining about the layout and design of Portland roads. In one such letter the patron writes, "Where is the Morrison bridge exit?"

The lack of signs for major exits was just a part of the overall voice written in those letters.

"I was driving down Burnside, crossed the river hoping to get on Front Street," a letter complained. "When I crossed the bridge I wanted to go left on Front, but there was no Front to be found. So I drove up past second, third, fourth, fifth and so on. Every time I wanted to go left it said "NO TURNS" the rest were "ONE WAY" toward the right. What I am wondering is why you (as a driver) have to go the opposite direction you want to get where you have to be. It's like a remake of "Through the Looking Glass" only in real life.

In a recent interview with Harold Percival Hanson, chief director of Routes and Byways, a subcommittee in the Roads and Highway commission, and author of the book "Road to Nowhere Special," he stated that "Although the roads may be a

tad bit confusing, they are the best route possible under the circumstances."

Hanson, a user of Mass Transit, brings up the idea of a directory of the easiest road or combination thereof to get to a certain destination. He further explains that "there is no real logic involved in the planning of the streets of Portland."

He listed several "dont's" in driving such as don't expect a road to continue all the way to where you want it to because it will end, for no apparent reason, just short of where you need to be. He also suggests that you should take any old bridge just as long as it gets you over the river. "That's enough isn't it?"

In conclusion of his book he says that "There should be signs posted stating 'Road ends in the middle of nowhere, but starts up again on the other side'."

The signs may be a little wordy but there may be no other solution. These ideas are well and good but won't be implemented (if ever) until the distant future. So in the mean time stick to small towns where left is left and right is right and if you can't go the way you want to get a Four-by.

Now I know this was just a dream but it brought out a very important point about the roads. That point is that it's probably too late to do anything about them, however I'm not sure. With all the continual 'Road Construction' going on they may be able to at least continue Yamhill all the way to 82nd Av. or put the Selwood bridge and Morrison bridge signs up so people will know when to exit. I do know for sure that unless we write letters to our state and federal legislature, nothing will change and we will just have to get used to it. But what about the people after us, will they?

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