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Letter to CCC instructors & staff

AN OPEN LETTER OF THANKS TO THE INSTRUCTORS AND STAFF AT CCC:

All too often, the people who put forth extra effort in their tasks are not acknowledged, nor recognized for the good work they perform. This is the purpose of my letter. I wish to acknowledge the instructors who have expanded my awareness of the world in which we live. It is largely through the efforts of my teachers that I am well prepared to enter the portals of a four year college without apprehension.

First and foremost, my appreciation goes to Mike Kepler for designing his courses in such a manner as to make learning interesting and applicable to our daily lives. He cares enough for his students so that he uses all his wit and charm to subliminally plant the seeds of knowledge within each of them. Because of this, the students are able to leave his classes richer for having this experience.

Secondly, I would like to thank Rick True for opening up new worlds of creative thinking for me. Through his ability to put forth his expectations of each assignment in a non-limiting manner, the students are allowed to explore their individual creative talents. This gives the students confidence that their ideas are just as valid and acceptable as the next person's.

Next to share my appreciation for having an impact upon my

learning experiences at CCC, is John Snively. His cheerful willingness to share his knowledge about geology and birds has opened up new worlds of discovery and appreciation of the universe around me. He quietly and effectively instills in each of his students an appreciation and awareness of the natural world in which we live. Unfortunately, an hour's lecture is not enough time for John to share all his knowledge with his students, yet he is able to impart a vast amount of information in that short time, and does it with ease and good will. This serves only to tantalize the student to want to learn more about geology and birds.

Then there is Diane Ferris and Nancy Tuft, who, because of their pleasant and gentle personalities, allow students to feel comfortable about learning the intricacies of math and composition. They have the ability to present these subjects in such a way as to eliminate the difficulty of comprehension some students experience with these subjects.

I have singled out the individuals who have had the greatest impact upon my learning experiences at CCC these past two years, but my other instructors have contributed their share to my experience as well. Through their personalities and expertise, they have taught me the value of different truths and value systems in other disciplines. They include: John Orrelle, Marlene Tufts, Wayne Wright,

Kevin Forney, Bob Misely, Janet Kondo, and Larry Emme; also my computer teachers: Mr. Case, who teaches at Clackamas High School, and Nick Molatore, for helping me to feel less intimidated by computers.

It is true that the instructors at CCC have had the strongest impact upon my re-entry into the world of knowledge, but my transition into this world would not have been so smooth if it had not been for the support staff at CCC. My additional thanks go to the people who service the students counseling corner, financial aid, and the registrar's office with their cheerful guidance through the process of class selections, requirements for financial aid, and registering for classes. Also, my thanks go to the friendly people in Lee Fawcett's office and Career Development while I was employed there.

Finally, my thanks to all the "unseen" people at CCC who go about their daily tasks, making attendance at CCC such a pleasure. CCC has a right to be proud of its instructors, staff, and programs offered each term. I feel that the energies flowing through the campus is one of caring and love for one another, and this student, for one, certainly appreciates those responsible for creating such a feeling. My thanks to you all.

Elaine Powers

Letter from the ASG President

To the Editor:

There are two issues before lawmakers that will have a major impact on students ability to attend CCC. The first issue is financial aid which is still being considered by the U.S. Congress. The second issue concerns transferability of CCC credits to Oregon's four year colleges. Both issues urgently require student attention.

The U.S. Senate passed a \$1.6 billion increase in financial aid. The Congress must now decide which programs to spend the increase on. College Work Study, Pell Grants, SEOG Grants, and Guaranteed Student Loans are in short supply for CCC students. Senator Mark Hatfield and Representative Les Aucoin will be

key players in the Congressional decision on where to spend the extra funds approved by Congress. I urge all of you to write them immediately and let them know how important these programs are to the financing of your education.

The Oregon State Legislature is currently considering an amendment to House Bill 2913 (HB 2913) that would require common course numbering of transfer courses throughout Oregon's community colleges and four year institutions and allow for block transferring of associate degrees to meet general education amendment would make it much easier for CCC students to transfer to Oregon's

four year colleges. However the amendment deletes a provision in the original bill that would keep Oregon's four year colleges from implementing an expensive and disadvantageous semester system without community college approval. I therefore urge you to write or call your legislators immediately and ask them to support the amended version HB 2913 and to add back into the bill the original provisions of the unamended version of HB 2913.

Contact the Associated Student Government at ext. 247 for more information.

Sincerely,
Neale Frothingham
ASG President

Letter to the editor

To the Editor:

I'm writing you concerning your article about virginity. First, virginity is definitely not nonexistent. It only seems that way because no one wants to be something to be proud of, although with society today, it isn't. Also, if you remain a virgin then you won't get any diseases, you won't get your girlfriend pregnant and be forced to marry her, and women will have a lot more respect for

you.

In the past virginity was respected. Nowadays, virginity is "wimpy" for males although somewhat envied in females. Whatever or whenever the society, virginity is a ONE time thing and can never be regained. If you think it can be, you should have your opinion checked.

I'm a virgin and intend to stay that way until I'm married. Yes, I'm a Christian, but that is

beside the point. I want the woman whom I marry to know that she is my first and only love. I think society has a poor outlook on virginity and that that outlook should be changed. If more fathers discouraged their sons from finding instead of encouraged their sons to go find a beautiful girl and learn about all the joys of sex, this world could turn out to be very compatible.

A Disturbed Student

Non-smokers get second-best

In a recent smoking survey conducted on the College campus, it was found that a majority (71.9%) of those surveyed were bothered by secondhand smoke. It was also found that secondhand smoke aggravates the health problems of 28.4% of all 456 of the respondents and that 65.4% of them disliked going through smoking areas.

Although secondhand smoke has been thought to be only annoying to non-smokers, recent studies have shown that it also affects the non-smokers health. Many non-smokers can develop lung problems just by inhaling the smoke of a smoker.

Because of these recent developments, steps have been taken to reduce these instances. "No smoking" areas in restaurants, theatres, and other buildings have been designated, but the majority of the time these areas are smaller and less inviting than smoking areas. Is this fair?

Smokers complain that their rights are being taken away when they are asked to put out their cigarettes or to smoke in designated areas, but what about the rights of non-smokers? Don't they have the right to breathe air that is not smoke-filled?

A proposal has been made that would designate the Skylite room off of the cafeteria a smoking area. This is room is one of the nicest places on the entire campus; the view and the location make it an ideal place to study. However if this proposal designates this area as a smoking area many non-smokers will not be able to enjoy it without sacrificing their health. Why should non-smokers be left with second-best again?

These questions, as well as many others, need to be answered before a definite decision is made. By responding to this and/or the article on the front page, perhaps a decision can be made that both sides can agree upon. It's up to you to make a difference.



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