

On the lighter side

by Stephani Veff
Opinion/Copy Editor

Take time for an 'escape'

Welcome fall term students, staff, and faculty! I'm so glad to be back for my last year at Clackamas, for me summer just seems about two months too long. Call me crazy if you will, but there is something about the challenge of learning new things that keeps me coming back year after year with increased anticipation of what each new class will bring. Don't get me wrong, there are some things about school that are not exactly pleasant to look forward to - homework, tests, and shelling out all that money for books and tuition are at the top of this list.

I guess, for me, it all started in Kindergarten, when each day I'd get off of the school bus and go to this wonderful room that had all kinds of things with which to use your imagination: doll houses, blocks, paper, paste, crayons, etc. Of course, I learned things too, but it was such a challenge to open up the big world that lay beyond the reading, writing, and arithmetic that it never seemed like work.

I still feel that way when I begin a new year. The idea of learning something different, something that may not be all that useful to my future career but would be fun to learn anyway, just gets me so excited I can hardly wait for my first class to begin. Occasionally, that feel-

ing wears thin and the class becomes more work than play, but it usually balances out in the end.

If there is one thing that I've learned in my pursuit of education, it's that one must always have a good balance. Too often people take only the classes that they have to take in order to reach their goal, but this can become boring and tedious after a while. It's better to take at least one class that you think sounds interesting and fun, regardless of whether it is something that you'll need later on in life or not. As long as you enjoy doing it, that is what counts.

Often this "escape" makes the things that are required more easy to deal with and you don't feel so bogged down by the middle of the term. Even if you don't feel like taking another class, don't forget to take time out for an "escape," whether it is a walk in the park, curling up with a good book, or going out with friends, it will put the other things in your life in perspective if you remember and think of the lighter side of yourself. Classes, homework, and tests may be serious subjects but they don't have to be the only things in your life once the term is underway. Remember yourself and things will go a lot smoother once you hit high stress times toward the middle of the term.

ASG Pres urges vote-by- mail levy

To the Editor,

The November 3, 1987 "vote by mail" election will affect CCC students' ability to get an education on this campus. Community colleges are not covered by the "School Safety Net" plan passed by the legislature. Therefore, if CCC cannot pass a levy it will close since it does not have a tax base.

When voters receive their ballots in the third week of October, they will be asked to approve the first tax rate increase by CCC in six years. The proposed increase would raise the tax rate from \$1.25 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation to \$1.37. The increase is necessary because of the increased cost to provide educational services that inevitably results with the passage of time.

AFTER CAREFUL CONSIDERATION YOUR ASSOCIATED STUDENT GOVERNMENT IS URGING YOU, THE STUDENTS, WHOSE INTEREST WE REPRESENT, TO REGISTER TO VOTE AT THE STUDENT ACTIVITIES OFFICE IF YOU ARE NOT ALREADY REGISTERED AND TO THEN VOTE YES.

In service,
Neale Frothingham
ASG President

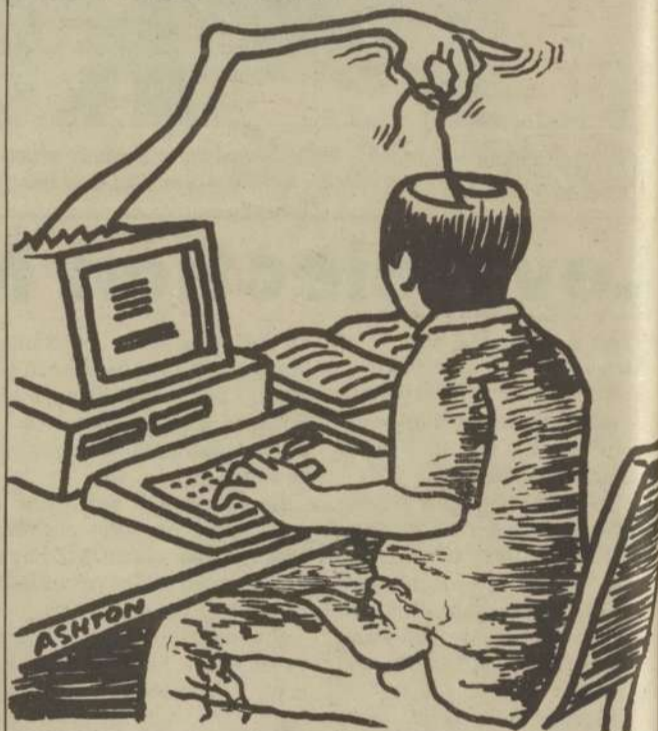
College tuition raises affect student body

Clackamas Community College tuition will raise 23 dollars per credit hour beginning summer term. This was a decision made by the Clackamas Community College Board of Education at a board meeting on September 9. This decision will raise the tuition for full-time students from 210 dollars a term to 230 dollars a term. The board also reduced the maximum number of credit hours without paying extra down to 19 credit hours instead of 21 credit hours.

How is this tuition raise going to affect the students? Coupled with the fact that less financial aid is available to each student this year because of a rise in the number of students attending Clackamas this year, the affect is going to be bad. Some students are going to be forced to work more than they want to, to earn additional money for school. This will give the students less time to study, and may cause additional stress for them.

What can be done to help students afford college? Clackamas cannot afford to lower the tuition. Without the tuition raise the college will not be able to afford its operating costs. The local residents do not deserve the burden of paying for a large portion of our education, and the students cannot afford to pay more than they are paying now for college. So who should pay? Maybe the state and federal governments should start paying for our schools. Stop humanitarian Contra aid and start humanitarian student aid.

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by Heleen Veenstra
Editor

Language barrier creates difficulties

Two years ago I had a great experience: moving from Holland to Oregon. It all sounds pretty exciting, but it has had some hassles. Without a doubt, the language barrier is the biggest hassle of them all.

Languages can cause some embarrassing moments, which I discovered when I went back to Holland this summer. It was my third time back since my move here; however, I knew this time would be different than the others, simply because I hadn't been there for a year.

My first difficulty took place in a Chinese restaurant the second day of my stay. I was with a good friend, who is also Dutch and happens to live in Oregon too. With her, we're used to speaking Dutch to each other, and English to people around us.

Oh well, back to the subject. I was in this restaurant and had to make a phone call. I carried on a

normal Dutch conversation with my aunt. After I was done I hung up the phone and asked in English, "How much did the phone call cost?"

Well, these Chinese were about to freak out. Understand this right. These (the Chinese) are people who moved to Holland a couple of years ago and hardly speak any Dutch, then this person walks in, carries on a Dutch conversation on the phone, then turns and starts speaking English when she wants to know how much it costs to use the phone. The Chinese lady couldn't understand me and after I realized what I had just said (mainly because my friend kept elbowing me and whispering "speak Dutch!") I made my excuses, gave her 25 cents for the phone call, and walked out. I was pretty embarrassed too!

The third day I had an accent problem. I was at a fair and there

I met a girl from the East Coast. After I talked with her for a while she told me, "Wow, you have such a West Coast accent."

Now, maybe you're thinking "Big deal!" but for me it is. Last year I was teased by a former Print staff member about having a Dutch accent. Then I go to Holland and friends and family tell me that I have an American accent, (they only know the difference between a British and American accent) and a total stranger tells me I have a West Coast accent. I'm starting to have an identity problem!

I have to say, my trip to Holland this summer was great. It was fun to see my friends and family again and celebrate my stay. I can't imagine a better vacation, but I have to admit, because of this language problem I am gonna get myself into trouble real soon!

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