

Stay on good terms

The proposed 1990 conversion to a semester system by the State System of Higher Education has turned into Oregon's Community College's hottest political issue. Now is as good as anytime for Clackamas Community College to take a stand.

Our Board of Education has voted to ask the Oregon State Board of Higher Education to reconsider its decision to convert while voting to plan to go to the semester system if necessary. We urge the college board to vote to remain on the current three term system even if the State System of Higher Education doesn't.

Longer, in-depth study and easier transferrability to other educational institutions are the two most common reasons given in favor of the conversion.

However, only 26.2 percent of Clackamas students enroll in transfer courses. Many of those enroll in a full year course of study, so the credits and hours are the same under both systems.

Clackamas Community College is a college for, and supported by, the community. The "typical" CCC student takes one to five credits, works 31 hours or more a week, and plans to earn a degree here. Students most likely enroll here to gain a new skill or sharpen a skill for a job they already have.

Clackamas Community College offers choices for over 21,000 people a year. The semester system will take many of those choices away from them. It is not fair to alter the entire institution for a minority of transfer students.

Like the College Board, we too urge the State Board of Higher Education to reconsider its decision to convert to the semester system. We also urge the College Board to join Chemeketa and Rogue Community Colleges and remain on the term system regardless.

-EAB-

Ignorance beats around the bush

In the beginning the American people were told that President Reagan did not remember anything about the selling of arms to Iran for hostages. Now the American people are being told by Vice President George Bush that he did not understand what he was hearing when an Israeli man visited him at his hotel room in Israel to talk about arms for hostages.

Both Reagan and Bush have to be lying; there is no way that these men could be so ignorant to the entire scandal of selling arms for hostages.

George Bush is the former head of the CIA. He had to have understood some of what this man was telling him. After all, this was his career for many years.

The American people have been lied to by their government for the past three or four years now and tolerating it. This has to stop!

We cannot have a group of men in the white house endangering our country by illegally dealing with other countries without letting the American people know about it.

Now is the time for the United States Senate to reopen the hearings for the Iran-Contra scandal and put the top man and second in command on the witness stand and get the truth out of them, in any way possible.

-MKT-

Letter to the Editor

A skinny person expresses opinion

I would like to express my opinion about Mrs. Swartzendruber's Domestic Issue article on Skinny People.

Being twenty pounds under my doctors recommended body weight, I am one of those Skinny People. I was born skinny, raised skinny, and continue to be skinny. Please don't feel sorry for me, as I am quite content. My clothes fit. I can eat anything. I don't need to discuss diets with my friends, nor do I want to. I feel excellent mentally and physically. After all, fitness is a real issue of life, isn't it?

As far as our upcoming

depression—who or what is going to feed you Heavies in your hour of need?

Why don't you lose some weight and feel good like the rest of us Skinny People.

Sincerely,
Happy Being Skinny

P. S. I don't care if you print this. My point is why advocate being overweight in a society that is suffering from eating disorders and health problems right and left? Why not promote fitness and healthful living? Isn't this an acceptable alternative?



"The Print" welcomes readers to express their views by writing letters to the editor. All letters should be typewritten and submitted to Student Publications in Trailer B by 5p.m. Friday before publication.

Should CCC have homecoming ?



Homecoming is an exploitation of woman based purely on looks and social acceptability, with no consideration for the person and other qualities they may possess. It is reverting back to the 1600's and the caste system, which is demoralizing and insulting to today's society. Who cares if she can talk, just so she looks good.

—Bob Day—



Having a homecoming could bring more spirit into CCC, which the school needs. I would hope that it would be planned at a time and publicized well so that a lot of people could attend.

—Tani Wenzel—



In examining our track record concerning dances at social events, I think it would be a waste of money, time and paper just for making posters.

—Craig Inglesby—

Student Opinions

Safety in dorms becomes issue

On college campuses across this nation a great tragedy is becoming more and more prevalent—the murder, rape, and assault of students in their dorms and around campus.

For many students going to a community college is just a stepping stone to get to a four-year university or college; at Clackamas Community College alone 26.2 percent of the students will be transferring after one or two years here. Many of these students will be required to spend their first year at the school in on-campus dorms. These dorms usually have a designated time at night for the outside doors to be locked as protection to the students, but students have found ways to prop these doors open in order to come in later at night or for friends from other dorms to come visit. The doors to the students individual rooms have locks and the occupants of those rooms have keys to let themselves in and out, but this safety precaution is often abused also.

As a result of these abuses of safety some students have found themselves the unfortunate victims of crime. A recent "Donahue" show dealt with the victims of such crimes and their stories. The parents of one girl and the father of another spoke on the program about the vicious murders of their daughters. One girl was killed as she awakened in her dorm room by a man who worked for the college (in maintenance) and was trying to steal from her. The other girl was killed in her off-campus apartment, It's not known who the killer was.

Three other victims were on the show and gave their stories. In one incident a girl was raped repeatedly in a friend's dorm room by a man who had followed her back from the bathroom while her male friend sat nearby tied to a chair with a pillow case over his head. The other girl's story detailed how she was walking to a friend's apartment and was raped in the parking lot at knife point.

These crimes are not unusual by any stroke of the imagination, but they often go unreported because the colleges' administration are worried about enrollment numbers diminishing. The administration does nothing about these crimes and even less about taking better safety measures, and all because of a little thing called money. Money cannot bring back the lives of those who are dead, nor can it destroy the

memories of those who have lived through these awful crimes. A serious look needs to be taken at the safety of the students on campuses around the country, but until something can be done in the form of a law, it is up to the students themselves to take action.

It is suggested that prospective students of four-year universities and colleges look for schools that are not in a major metropolitan area, that are not near a run down area or ghetto, and that they check to see that their school has an adequate safety department—including safety patrol, door locks, and good, bright lighting outside of buildings.

Going away to college is supposed to be the experience of a lifetime. Protect yourself so that the experience is filled with happy memories not nightmarish ones. You have a choice, make it a safe one.

—SLV—

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