



In search of a decent parking space...

Parking by trailers a hassle

Do you ever get to school, you're running a little late, and you have to park in the outermost lot? Nothing frustrates me more.

Because I work on "The Print," I spend most of my time in Trailer B, sometimes until late at night, and I don't like walking across empty parking lots in the dark to get to my car. As a result, I must either get to school at about 7:45 in the morning or fight with about 20 other people for a parking by the trailers.

It is my feeling that this area should be reserved for trailer personnel only. That means not only the Student Publications trailer, but also the Safety trailer and the Student Health Services trailer. I have learned though that there is no such thing as reserved parking on this campus. How ridiculous! At other schools, businesses, and offices you can be almost assured that at least a few of the parking spaces are reserved for the personnel that work there.

In my opinion, if the handicapped can have spaces reserved for them on campus, why can't the trailer parking lot be designated as "off limits" to those who just park there so they won't have so far to walk to their classes? I'd be more than willing to put a sticker of some sort on my car indicating that I am trailer personnel in order to park there.

I'm by no means the only one

who feels this way about the parking situation. Other "Print" staff members and members of the Student Health Trailer staff share my feelings about the hassles we must go through in

parking tickets on our cars for parking illegally, and we're just about to the end of our rope.

Many of us dedicate more hours than we have to at the trailer in order to produce a decent paper each week for the students, faculty, and staff of this college and sometimes we feel like asking ourselves, "why?" It's bad enough that we're housed in trailers that are old and falling apart, then we can't even get a decent parking space!

How difficult would it really be to restrict the parking lot around the trailers to trailer personnel? Not very, I would think. I know that bigger issues, like the new levy, are the concern of the college right now, but I think that the newspaper and its staff are important also. Do we not strive to inform the students, faculty, and staff of the college about those very issues of importance?

If you are one of those people who park in the trailer parking lot, I'd like to ask you if you could find an alternate area to park and if you don't want to do that could you please write and let me know why? Those of us on "The Print" staff would really appreciate it until we can find a way to make the area restricted to trailer personnel. Thank you.

On the lighter side



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order to park near where we spend the majority of our time. Many of us take things in and out of our cars all day long, as well as leave during the day to get interviews or whatever and come back to no parking space. Many of us have received warnings and/or

Support CCC's levy

As you probably know, the college is requesting a two year, rate base levy of \$1.32 per \$1,000 assessed value. You might not be too excited about paying more taxes, but it is important.

We all want quality education, we would like to have the best instructors, we want the best class materials, don't we?

Therefore, I think that we should be supportive of our college, and help them out.

the last two years and continues to increase. Also, the cost-of-living index in the Portland area went up by almost 17 percent.

That is a lot in only two years. It means that we have to spend more money to get whatever we need, but it also means the same thing for CCC.

"Now why," you might wonder, "should I pay more taxes?" Well, the reasons are not that difficult. The college is an institution that provides many opportunities to the whole community.

CCC educates over 20,000 community residents each year, CCC plays a big role in the economic recovery of Clackamas County, CCC has been very successful in providing good education to the community. For example, figures show that 92 percent of the 1986 graduates were very satisfied with their experiences at CCC, 83 percent thought the quality of the education was very good, and 95 percent of the graduates that entered the job market are productively employed. These are just a few examples of the opportunities the college provides.

These are many hard core figures, and they are kind of impressive.

If you are still hesitant about voting YES, I'll tell you that the tax rate is not very high compared to other colleges. CCC has the second lowest rate of all the six Willamette Valley community colleges, and that will remain that way even with the seven cent increase.

I understand that you are, most likely, not too thrilled about paying more taxes, but it is not too much and we really need it. So, to conclude this, please be supportive of your college, and vote YES!

Wooden shoe like to know?



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The Board of Education tried to make it easier for us by cutting the tax rate by five cents since their first request. In order to do that, they had to cut \$300,000. In other words, the Board did do something for the tax paying public, they reduced the rate.

The \$1.32 rate is still a seven cent increase over the current rate, but the college is not able to meet the demands for quality education in our community with the current (1981) tax rate.

The reason for that is, student enrollment has grown 13 percent

Skater scars a result of 'fun'

Who was the idiot that decided to attach four little wheels to a small board and use it as a means of transportation? Correction. Who was the rich idiot (if he or she is still around) that invented these accident prone "toys?"

Skateboards are big business now. To officially be a "skater" kids must wear neon shirts with skulls and other oddities printed on them and wear knee length shorts. They must also have bleached or dyed portions of hair that either hangs in their eyes or stands straight up in the air. And, of course, the right equipment is essential.

A "good" skateboard costs well over \$150. At least "skaters" don't have to worry about extraneous little items such as elbow pads, knee pads or helmets; these are "uncool" to wear.

Kids and skateboards can be a deadly combination. At any given time in any given place, you can see a group of "skaters"

(they never travel alone) wheeling along on busy streets, in parking lots, across playgrounds and occasionally speeding through shopping malls. They are usually covered with bruises and band-aids. Some even have casts. Yet they continue to ride their skateboards completely unaware that further injury will surely occur. They don't have a firm grasp in the concepts of safety and laws. It's as though the second they step on the skateboard, all common sense is shut off.

Drivers have become understandably paranoid of these hellions on four wheels. At any moment a "skater" might suddenly appear in front of their car. This results in one of two things, either the "skater" gets hit or the driver slams on the brakes which invariably causes a fender-bender at best. What is truly mystifying is the fact that if a skater gets hit (and lives to tell about it) he is amazed and dumbfounded by the incident ("Honest Mom, that car jumped right out in front of me!")

It is quite honestly frightening to think that some of these kids will not live to participate in high school graduation exercises. Those that do will have permanent scars to show from their "fun." There should at least be some place where these kids can go and ride safely. City streets are no place for kids on skateboards.

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