

EDITORIAL

Editorials

Levy requests a bargain

A recent article in the "Oregonian" discussed the upcoming levy election for Clackamas Community College. The basic message in the article was that the raise in the tax rate was really a bargain and that "even a bargain costs something."

The tax rate truly is a bargain and if the levy does not pass a lot of people are going to be missing out on this bargain. The college provides many services to the community and it cannot afford to operate on its current rate.

If the levy does not pass this will mean cutting into the program offerings here at Clackamas as well as special programs such as luncheons, sports, and other activities. These programs provide many people with a chance at a new and better life.

Many of the students who attend CCC are here for vocational programs - meaning that they hope to be able to earn a degree and enter the work force at the end of their time here. Without this new levy, some of these vocational programs may suffer and, as a result, so will the community.

The community could use these new graduates to work in the area and improve the economy. Therefore it would be worth a few extra cents to pass the levy, keep the present programs and possibly even start a few new ones.

In the ending paragraph of the "Oregonian's" editorial they recommend(ed) that voters in the Clackamas Community College District spot the bargain and approve the college's moderate levy request." It seems that they have an excellent point.

-SLV-

Reagan's list helps who?

Ronald Reagan has planned yet another fascist scheme to wipe social deviation in the United States.

This time it could bring great harm to CCC and many other institutions of its kind. The fascist idea is a "Federal Blacklist."

The federal blacklist would prevent any person who has been involved with a strike in any union such as a teachers' union where there is a no strike clause, people who have not completely paid of a student grant, or a draft resister from receiving any federal grant money.

This would also affect any school or program receiving federal grants. If such a group had a person who was blacklisted working for them the government could stop providing funds to the group.

This could be very harmful to CCC if there are any instructors who were draft resisters during the 1960's or have been in a teacher's strike because it could cause the school to lose grant money from the federal government.

The federal blacklist is not in the interests of Americans, and it would damage our constitutional rights.

-MKT-

Student Opinions



Should the state pay for organ transplants?

I think the state should pay because a lot of people are in need of transplants and the cost is very expensive. And without the state help, a lot of helpless people could die.

—Mike Lane—

Yes, because the person who needs one may end up being you. You wouldn't think it was right if your life was taken because no one cared to help out your parents with an expensive operation. I think they need a separate fund for people who are in need. Or they could make it an interest free loan. So the fund can be rebuilt for the next person.

—Linda McNeal—



Yes, the state pays thousands of dollars a month to keep death row prisoners alive, so why can't they contribute money to innocent people who really need the help. It is pretty pathetic to see a person like Tom Peterson on Portland Wrestling asking for contributions to save a woman's life.

—Mike Nelson—



Letters to the Editor

Joke's on Frothingham

It is rather ironic, in fact it is a joke, that CCC ASG President Frothingham wants to spend money - someone else's - to go to Washington D.C. to lobby for more money for better child care schedule. They would have learned that CCC has a Japanese Language Section within its and financial aid, but for less education!

Yet neither he nor the student council had the resourcefulness to avail themselves of the college Foreign Language Dept., an instructor very able to translate their letter from Japan.

I think the joke is on you: you do need all the education you can get, not less, including foreign language.

Submitted by Magdalena M. Ladd

Reagan speaks

Greetings to everyone joining Alpha Mu Gamma in observing National Foreign Language Week.

Secretary of Education Bennett has reminded us, and Lynne Cheney has made clear in her "American Memory" report for the National Endowment for the

Humanities and the National Endowment for the Arts, that the study of foreign languages offers vital benefits and is sorely needed. As individuals and as a Nation, we literally can no longer afford to lag behind the rest of the world in foreign language instruction.

Such study has deep intellectual, cultural, and commercial rewards. It provides a fuller

awareness of greater facility for competing in the world marketplace. In turn, these advantages help foster international understanding. They also help us to appreciate the diversity of

human experience and to become more sensitive to the nuances and special features of English and other languages.

America's interest in foreign language study is increasing, but much remains to be done. I commend those who speak, read, and study other languages, and I encourage all to follow their example. You have my best wishes.

Ronald Reagan

ASG President clears the air

The article which appeared in the Feb. 17, 1988 issue of The Print paraphrasing my comments titled "Campus textbook committee formed" said, "a 'small minority' of instructors and departments are not being responsible towards the students in choosing textbooks. He said the committee plans to go after

those instructors and departments."

I would like to point out that the vast majority of instructors and departments do an excellent job of serving student consumers in instructional textbook selections. The committee has no plans to "go after" the very small minority of instructors and departments that could improve the uniformity and duration of their textbook adoptions. ASG, not the committee, is beginning to pursue an open dialogue with these few instructors and departments to try and address the concerns of textbook consumers. ASG lacks the authority to "go after" them and such an approach would be unwarranted and therefore inappropriate.

I hope that my miscommunication with "The Print" staff which resulted in my being paraphrased incorrectly has not conveyed the wrong impression to the readership. If that is the case, I hope this letter clarifies the issue.

Submitted by Neale Frothingham, ASG President

One vote makes difference

Voting for the college's levy is important, throughout history, one vote has made a difference.

In 1645—ONE VOTE gave Oliver Cromwell control of England.

In 1649—ONE VOTE caused Charles I of England to be executed.

In 1776—ONE VOTE gave America the English language instead of German.

In 1839—ONE VOTE elected Marcus Morton as Governor of Massachusetts.

In 1845—ONE VOTE brought Texas into the Union.

In 1868—ONE VOTE saved President Andrew Johnson from impeachment.

In 1876—ONE VOTE gave Rutherford B. Hayes the presidency of the United States.

In 1876—ONE VOTE changed France from a Monarchy to a Republic.

In 1923—ONE VOTE gave Adolph Hitler leadership of the Nazi Party.

