

Editorials

ASG wastes time in Faith Taylor hearing

What started out as a simple concern from the Associated Student Government (ASG) at Clackamas, was blown way out of proportion with last Thursday's hearing regarding whether Faith Taylor campaigned in the polling place during the ASG elections for president and vice president Friday, April 22.

Taylor, who won the presidential election by 14 votes over Kareen Perkins, was being accused of violating section 14 of the Clackamas constitution's elections code which states, "no candidate may campaign in the polling place." Taylor was being accused of buying votes with brownies that her mother brought her in the Community Center.

At the hearing several items were left unclear. The two major things were exactly what area is the polling place and just what does "campaigning" mean?

According to ASG President Neale Frothingham, the polling place was the entire Community Center and all of the candidates should have been aware of that fact. Taylor says she was not informed of that and if she would've known, then she would never have been in the Community Center in the first place.

Taylor handed in her application for the ASG President's job on April 15, the last day possible to do so. Therefore, she missed the April 7 candidates meeting in which all of the information such as the boundaries of the polling place was declared. In addition to that, Mark Walker, student-at-large, stated at the hearing that he was with Taylor when she received her handbook from Paul Kylo and there was no mention of the boundaries of the polling place.

Throughout the hearing no ASG board member could give a definition of the word "campaigning." Taylor, however read the definition of "campaigning" from the dictionary.

What went on in the Community Center on April 22 was not campaigning. It was a mother surprising her daughter. Frothingham called the event a "party." It was not. According to Taylor's mother, Marty Taylor, she "came through the Community Center to see Norm Berney (who had a jacket belonging to Faith Taylor's brother Junior, a wrestler last year on Berney's Cougar wrestling team) and ran into my daughter." She further stated at the hearing that she had intended to take the brownies down to the track area, where Faith Taylor had track practice that day.

What is really being questioned here is whether college students can vote on their own, for whom they want, without having their votes bought by brownies or any other dessert. These are college students. They are more mature than that.

It's understandable that ASG has a concern for a clean and fair election at the college. But, in this case, they took it too far - the hearing and the time spent on this whole issue was unnecessary.

-CLC-

Disabled students struggle with doors

This week national handicapped awareness day, May 5, will be celebrated. A day to create a better understanding about what being handicapped is and to appreciate what efforts handicapped people go through to get by in every day life. It is also a time to look at the achievements of handicapped people and of society in providing services for the handicapped. This is also a day to look at what improvements still need to be made to make life easier for handicapped people.

Here at CCC we have made the college pretty accessible for handicapped people with bathrooms and doors that open automatically and ramps and elevators to make almost any place on campus easy to get to for all people.

There is one building which is not easy for handicapped people on this campus to get to and that is the Pauling Center. The Pauling Center has no handicapped door in it. When the board was approached about this issue last fall they said that it was something that should have been done when the building was built, and that it is now too expensive to change the doors.

Where does this leave handicapped students on this campus? It leaves them with a struggle every time they need to go to a class in Pauling Center. This is not fair. The college board needs to re-evaluate the issue of handicapped doors being absent in the Pauling Center and see if they can put one in and make one more aspect of life easier for handicapped people.

-MKT-

Letters to the Editor

Fed up smokers fight back

ATTENTION:

NON-SMOKERS

We have had enough of your opinions on the evils of smoking. We apologize for taking your precious Skylight Room, yet you had the stupidity of giving us the use of it in the first place! I don't recall ever smoking in your clean air sections.

If you want clean air, why don't you stick your body outside and suck in the carbon monoxide your cars release? See how your lungs enjoy that!

Need I remind you that you are discriminating against those of us who smoke? If I told you that your sex habits were bad for your health, you would tell me to go to hell. So I expect your narrow-mindedness to expand on our detrimental habits.

Frankly, I feel that your tactics are immature, selfish, and totally unreasonable. You are not God's gift to perfect health just because you do not smoke. So stop your preaching! You people called the shots, and we have unselfishly complied with them. NOW SHUT UP!

- Sincerely,
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The typist apologizes for any misspellings in the above names and for the deletion of nine other names because the signatures were difficult to read.

Textbook policy robs students

To the editor

In rebuttal to the issue of the textbook policy in the April 27, edition of "The Print."

If you're going to do something why not do it right? We strive for the best education our money can buy. We want to learn as much as possible to achieve our goals. Why jeopardize the depth of our education by generalizing text in our social sciences?

In departments like math and English the "basics" are basically the same, but in the social sciences department each study is very intricate.

The College hires professors with doctorates in the social sciences and spends good money to give our College the best and then wants to limit their teaching by generalizing into one textbook. This injustice doesn't allow these instructors to teach their best and it robs us of things we could learn from a diversification of books selected by each instructor of their individuality and freedom of choice as well as our freedom of choice.

If, for instance, you have one sociology book for all sociology classes why not have one teacher? We want variety in our social sciences. Why sacrifice everything for a few less dollars on textbooks and rob ourselves from our own pockets? Would the College be saving money by generalizing text, or would it be robbing us of the depth's of our education? You decide.

Steve Fleming

Election Results Respectable

To the editor:

Congratulations, Student Government, for a process well handled!

I'm referring to the recent hearing on the complaint regarding presidential candidate, Faith Taylor.

The rules for the conduct of the hearing were well prepared. Every effort was made to give the complainant and the candidate the right to be fully heard and understood. Serious deliberation was accorded a sensitive issue.

This is the type and quality of activity that inevitably gains respect for the Associated Student Government, its officers and advisors. Good work and continued success!

Vincent Fitzgerald
Counselor



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