

## Child care facility too valuable to cut

I'm sure you've all heard, or read, of the proposal to tear down the child care facilities here on campus. I was absolutely horrified to learn of these plans. Those who propose such a plan are appeasing their consciences by spreading the word that we will

another bus: I was already getting my three year old out of bed at 5 a.m. to catch a bus.

The problem with the family day care system is very obvious. Number one, the day care providers must live on the bus route. And secondly, we, as parents, are reluctant to leave our children with strangers to begin with, let alone a stranger who has little or no credentials.

A day care center offers an organized, scheduled environment created by people who are certified and are accountable to each other and their supervisors.

I see the destruction of the child care facilities here on campus as heart-rending. People think they will only be tearing down the building, but in reality they are destroying people's lives and dreams.

I see the tearing down of the Orchard Center as those in authority saying, "I'm sorry, but we don't have a place at Clackamas Community College for you as parents." If it is true that the college wants to stress parent education, how can they even consider tearing the building down?

Somewhat, there's money to fund the dances and the entertainment that A.S.G. offers. Why isn't there money for maintenance at the Orchard Center? Dances are not essential for an education; the day care center is!

So please, save the children's center, and our dreams!

### Domestic Issues



Tammy Swartzendruber

still have a day care center - that it will just change locations.

Well, that doesn't sound too bad until you figure that a lot of students are riding the bus. Even if the new facilities are located in Oregon City, that can mean a delay of twenty minutes waiting on another bus. And if it's after 8 a.m., it can mean up to an hour's delay. All of this is inconvenient for us as parents. So inconvenient, in fact, that some of us would not be able to attend school.

I didn't have a car when I started school. I traveled an hour and a half by bus to get here. It would not have been feasible to drop my daughter off somewhere else, and then wait on

## Alcohol Awareness

Last week was National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness week, where colleges from all across the country celebrated with special events. Clackamas Community College's celebration of the event was highlighted by "The Addict," a play produced by the Franklin High School Theatre Department. As a follow-up, here are some tips from the Will Rogers Institute, which might help students out this school year.

1. After your next tailgate party or happy hour -- whether you've had beer, wine, or spirits, don't drive. One American dies in an alcohol-related accident every 35 minutes. Better to walk an extra mile, or spend the night at a friend's than risk taking lives on the road.

2. Eat something -- Before you go to a party and while you're there -- never drink on an empty stomach. Solid food like cheese can slow down the alcohol absorption rate. If you're throwing a party, serve lots of munchies and plenty of mixers. Adding tonic, soda, or other mixers to spirits or wine slows down the rate of alcohol intake.

3. Don't be pressured into drinking more than you can handle or pressure your friends to keep up with you. Everyone has an individual tolerance. Let your friends pace themselves.

4. Keep a watchful eye: Cocktails should contain no more than 1.5 ounces of spirits, wine is commonly five ounces, and a typical serving of beer is 12 ounces. If you're mixing your own drink, use a shot glass to measure your liquor.

5. Know yourself -- and your mood. If you rarely drink, chugging a few beers will affect you faster than it would affect someone who is accustomed to drinking. Your mood can also influence the way you react to a drink. If you're depressed over a test or anything else, drinking will depress you further.

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## Education should take priority over athletics

To the Editor:

In regard to Ballot Measure 5 which would increase taxes on cigarettes and beer in order to fund college athletics - perhaps the controversy isn't over the extra cent we'd pay at our local markets for a pack of cigarettes or a bottle of beer, but rather in the beneficiary of these revenues.

Like you, I doubt that one extra penny would be very upsetting to the average person, but what is upsetting is the fact that this Measure even reached the ballot. I cannot rationalize under any circumstances why college athletics should have

preference over many other organizations which could benefit Oregonians. How many of you remember, for example, the overwhelming number of school budgets which failed last election? Or how about the low pay of some of our most vital occupations in this state, such as teachers, policemen and firemen? And in consideration of our children, what about our day care programs which are rated among the worst in the world? The list could go on - such as grants, scholarships or loans for college students. After all, shouldn't education itself come before extra-curricular activities?

No matter how I look at Ballot Measure 5, I cannot justify voting yes. This measure indicates to me that Oregon is headed on a dangerous course. I'd like to know that as concerned Oregonians, we have higher priorities for revenues received from our public, and thus, will not allow legislation to pass which emphasizes that education is secondary to sports.

-Marji T. Collins

## Student Opinions

Do you think a penny tax on a pack of cigarettes and can of beer to support college athletics is a good idea?



For sure, because no matter how much of a tax you put on cigarettes or beer, people are going to buy it. Like they're really going to notice a penny on a pack of cigs. They just have to face it: the cost of cancer is going up.

-West Helfrich



Sounds good. If people want to use their money that way, at least now it will be going to a good cause rather than influencing people more.

-Eric Douglass



I think it's a good idea because it will give some extra money to college athletics. I definitely think it's worth it.

-Kathleen Megert

I think it's a good cause and it won't hurt people to support college athletics.

-Xavier Ellis

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