

College Board should approve levy request

The Clackamas Community College Board of Education should approve a \$4 million bond levy when they convene at their next board meeting later this month.

An approved bond levy would be used to construct a new two-story building just to the east of Randall and Barlow Halls. The building would house the computer lab, faculty offices, and approximately six classrooms. Additional parking spaces are also covered under this levy proposal.

Clackamas Community College is getting crowded. In every building on campus there is a need for extra space. There's no question about that.

In 1968 Clackamas obtained the current levy, which runs out this year. That levy was for \$5 million.

The college just can't keep going on

without the funds for new facilities. For the last 20 years it has benefitted from the \$5 million levy and in order to expand, there must be funds to construct a new facility on the Clackamas campus.

Clackamas must expand their computer lab areas, which are going to get bigger each and every year. The college must also set up new faculty offices and the proposed six classrooms in order to complete the expansion process. The buildings that are now on campus are filled to capacity and there is just no room to increase the facilities to improve the college.

Being that the bond levy would cost taxpayers about \$4 a year and would help bring Clackamas into the 1990s, it's something that citizens can live with and should be presented to voters.

Some students hip to what their grades are

I read an article recently, datelined Greencastle, Indiana, in which James George, who teaches computer programming at DePauw University, said one of his women students found a correlation between hip size and grade point average.

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Joseph Patrick Lee

The assigned programming project was to correlate two quantities.

George said the student asked her sorority sisters to list their grade point averages along with bust, waist and hip

measurements. She found no correlation between the upper two measurements and grades, but the larger the hips were, the better the grades.

I have often wondered about the origin of the expression "hip;" meaning knowledgeable, smart, "moxie," and now I know. Hippy ladies are smarter than more slender ladies. But is that always true?

What happens to a gal who loses a lot of weight? Does she lose her smarts, memory, etc.? I doubt it.

On the other hand, does she get smarter with each gained pound?

One could ponder this phenomenon, but a large sample of women should be taken to verify the findings of James George.

Winter brings cold, fog, ice and Christmas

It's winter again. The mornings are foggy and cold and the ice has begun to accumulate on porch steps and window shields. Frost clings to the bare limbs of the maple trees. People are scurrying around trying to do their Christmas shopping. I never could understand why people want to get their Christmas shopping done early. I just can't see how Christmas shopping in September could be any fun.



Domestic Issues

Tammy Swartzendruber

In order to really enjoy Christmas shopping you have to have carols playing on the radio. You have to be able to see all the little expectant faces waiting to talk to Santa in the mall. The weather has to be biting cold and everybody has to be puffing out little clouds of smoke when they breathe.

Little toy animals must be standing in beds of cotton nodding their sleepy heads at all the shoppers. Crowded malls, children with sticky fingers, Christmas decorations on the street corners, and

bright blinky lights all complete the shopping experience. No, you will never catch me Christmas shopping in the summer. That's for people who have lost the real spirit of Christmas.

And then there's those people who righteously let you know that they only buy for Christmas the things their children really need. I can't help feeling sorry for these poor disillusioned parents. The joy of Christmas is in giving. These parents have lost sight of what Christmas is all about. They have forgotten what it feels like to open a gaily wrapped present and find a bright red fire truck complete with a three foot ladder. They have forgotten that exhilarating feeling of finding a doll that really drinks and wets or shiny new ice skates under the Christmas tree. They have forgotten the meaning of Christmas and I can only pity them.

This Christmas season try to see Christmas as your child sees it. The worries and cares of everyday life will slip away in this wonderful experience. You will rediscover the Christmas spirit, that spirit of sharing and loving, of fun and laughter.

Moreover, you will have the happiest Christmas you ever had. Merry Christmas to you all!

Student Opinions

Has Christmas become overcommercialized?

Yes, I feel Christmas is over commercialized. They have decorations up before Halloween is over with! I like Christmas, but it's starting to deal too much with buying things.

- Rebecca Tulley



Christmas is becoming too commercialized. The stores are now putting their decorations out earlier and earlier. Christmas started out as a special reverent time and now is just a way to make a quick buck.

- Jeffery Wood

Christmas is over-rated. I feel that the holidays are a time for the family to spend time together. People waste a lot of energy on displaying a bunch of light.

- A.R. Tulley

Letter to the Editor

Save Clackamas campus for smokers

To the Editor,

This letter is sent in response to an article published in your Nov. 23 issue of The Print. This article was in reference to Brian Schiller's petition to eliminate all smoking in Randall Hall.

As a smoker myself, I don't see the elimination of a smoking area on campus as a major issue at this time. I must agree that as long as alternative indoor smoking areas are available there is no real harm done, just an inconvenience to those of us who have classes in Randall.

The problem that I see occurring is the ability of others to dictate my personal freedom of choice. If I choose to smoke I will smoke, I don't need someone else to tell me it's bad for me or that it's an expensive habit.

There are already rumors flying around that an attempt will be made soon to "eliminate all smoking on campus grounds." If this isn't a violation of my constitutional right to Freedom of Choice then we should all start calling

each other COMRADE right now, just to get in practice.

In case some of you God-sent saviors that are out to help us all, whether we need it or not, hadn't noticed, a ballot measure was just passed in the last election that legalized discrimination against alleged homosexuals. Strike one more freedom for the perfect people. Mandatory use of helmets for all motorcycle riders, strike one more. Mandatory use of seatbelts for vehicle passengers under 16 years old, one more down.

Where does the list end? Each time we vote down one of the issues it shows that there are still a few people out there who believe what America stands for: a place where you don't have to get someone else's permission to run down to the store for a pack of cigarettes and a six pack of beer, which by the way is one penny cheaper than you thought it would be, Brian.

Robert Hussey
Student

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