

Student Opinions

Should the driving age be raised to the age eighteen?



"Keep the same age limit from 16 to 18 years of age, teenagers must only drive in the daytime."

Casey Davidson

"No, the standards for passing the drivers test should be higher."

Heather Butler



"No, students need to get to work and back. We need harsher penalties for drivers who disobey laws."

Paul Lulone

"I don't think the age should be higher. Instead they should require more training before kids get behind the wheel and maybe give out more restrictive than permanent licenses."

Toni Goncalves



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Board should shoot down tuition increase

Fall term of this year, Clackamas Community College students saw the cost of tuition rise \$2 per credit hour, or \$20 for a student taking full time classes (10-19 credit hours).

Now the college is preparing to ask students to delve even deeper into their pockets to support another tuition increase. How much of this does the college think students can take? Not much.

On the surface \$2 more per credit hour and \$5 for a full time class load does not seem that drastic, but we can't take that at face value. If this proposed increase is approved, then what kind of increase will be on the ticket for next year, the year after that, and on and on.

On the original list of strategic questions at the beginning of the year the ques-

tion regarding a tuition increase read, "How much should CCC raise its tuition," rather than whether or not there should be a tuition increase period. It's unfair and presumptuous to expect these constant tuition hikes at Clackamas.

As far as Oregon Community Colleges are concerned, Clackamas' tuition costs are in the middle of the scale, which in Clackamas Community College terms seems to mean that a small raise in the cost of tuition won't hurt students. That kind of thinking is wrong.

At tonight's meeting of the Clackamas Board of Education visitors are welcome to voice their opinions regarding the proposed increase of tuition at Clackamas Community College. We strongly urge all students to be there and have your voices heard.

Baths hold advantages over taking showers

I believe most people shower, as opposed to bathe. With the advent of the hot-tub, the popularity of communal bathing has been increasing in the United States. Japanese families have been bathing together for years. Family life is good in Japan.

Each morning, I go to heaven for about 30 or 40 minutes. My bathtub is an antique, one of those spacious 30 gallon, porcelain jobs standing on four claw-like legs about three inches above the floor. I "draw a tub," as the saying goes, check the temperature with my pinky and get in. A feeling comes over my entire body that is difficult to describe. I can only say it is of primeval origin, a feeling I must have experienced as I sloshed about in the amniotic fluid of my mother's womb. A great feeling of serenity, peace, security, comes from my pre-natal memory, and I wallow in it without shame; an unabashed hedonistic, sybaritic, voluptuary.

Lying there, naked, with the water-level almost to the gunwales of the tub, my tummy rises up like a small, tropical atoll, consisting only of sandy beaches sloping from the peak down to water's edge. An island in the calmest of seas. My belly button appears as a small crater in the center of the island, evidence of an eruption that occurred the day I was born, when Dr. John Sarazen delivered me at home in my mother's bed. I am in a beautiful frame of mind.

Wondrous, meditative thoughts move slowly through my mind, caressing my psyche with hypnotic, tactile, assuaging strokes. As I said, it is difficult to find words for the experience. Sometimes, I think the resulting ambience could be like that euphoric, dream-like sensation described by addicts after shooting up. I think, how sad that they don't have a tub like mine.

The powers-that-be should think of tubs like mine as a solution to the drug addiction problem. During the Depression Years, Specht's Pool Hall, in my home town offered such facilities to the weary traveller for half a dollar, or less. So today, a program promoted by advertising, education or any other means, could popularize this beautiful substitute for the toke, the

needle or the snort. In short, warm baths could offer privacy and comfortable surroundings for addictive persons to accomplish the escape-from-reality feeling they seek. The baths would produce euphoria much less expensively than a street-bought fix.

Lots of laughs can occur bathing alone. Occasionally, flatulence is in order to achieve maximum comfort. It is then the waters talk to you. "O'Rourke!" they say. Like calling the role in an Irish regiment. "Grogan." "MacPartland."

So I commend the good old cast-iron, porcelain-covered bath-tub to all you folks who want relief from the stress and strain of Modern Day Living.

In the words of our President-elect, George Bush, "we will be a kinder, more gentle nation." And a cleaner one, I'd say.

The Laugh Clinic®

Joseph Patrick Lee

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