

Opinion



'Isn't it about time to quit clowning around in the cafeteria?'

Cafeteria conflict

If anyone entered the cafeteria in the Community Center on the first day of classes and ordered their usual No. 4 breakfast of hash browns, eggs and toast, a noticeable change could be felt in the atmosphere.

After a bit of inquiry, it was discovered that the food services staff had been told by their administrative supervisor, Alf Lair, to "employ more professional behavior, less hilarity and to keep the noise down."

It seems Lair was hosting a breakfast meeting for a United Way committee in the adjacent intimate dining room and he wanted his staff to act in a manner other than their usual selves.

The cafeteria is one of the few places on campus where a keyed-up student can go to unwind. A casual atmosphere is produced by the friendliness of the staff and the informal surroundings.

Lair did praise his staff, stating that he thought he had an excellent chef and a good crew and his request to them came from unnamed peers "more conservative" than himself.

If a cafeteria serves decent food, then the people working there shouldn't have to adapt their behavior just to please an "outside" special interest group for an hour or two. Even though the administration encourages community use of facilities, the students should be the primary consideration of the college.

Other rooms are available for meetings and fund raisers. If administrators are concerned about professional cafeteria behavior, why don't they have special interest luncheons catered in more posh surroundings.

Handicapped

The Bonnie Nelson situation is a good example of poor planning as far as the accommodation of student needs goes.

All of the buildings in the core area of the campus have devices built into them which can be used by students who must rely upon wheelchairs to get around.

Why then have no such devices been installed at the Smuckers complex? Surely nobody believes that the handicapped can't be artists. How many students in wheelchairs have taken a look at that building and left in frustration, giving up on the idea of taking classes there?

The administration should rectify this situation as soon as possible and look into other areas of the college that are currently inaccessible to handicapped students like Bonnie Nelson.

Letters

Narcs on campus

To the Editor:

It has come to my attention that this year Clackamas Community College is being frequented by narcotics agents. I personally feel that these individuals are as welcome to share our fine education facility as any one of us are.

However, I am also certain a number of the students at the school would like to be made aware of the fact mentioned above.

Oregon is fortunate in having marijuana legislation that is ahead of its time in the country, 'tho many of us feel it could be much better than it is now. What we have is a situation where smoking grass is not quite legal; not quite illegal.

Back to the point: there are some narcs around the campus. Be aware and have a good time.

Charlie Bennett
ASG Vice-President

Recycling

To the Editor:

As chairman of the Paper Recycling Committee I would like to acknowledge the support of individuals in the college community without whose support and efforts this program would not have moved as well as it has.

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