

# Opinion

## Suggestions

Last week's editorial dealt with the negative aspects of the Associated Student Government senate elections. We now offer some suggestions for the improvement of next year's elections.

Deadline for petitions should be at least a full week before the elections to give candidates enough time to campaign among the student body.

At this time the constitution of the Associated Students of Clackamas Community College makes no provisions for senate candidates turning in petitions with a set number of student signatures. We suggest that ASG make such a provision this year in the form of an amendment to the constitution. It would be comforting to know that candidates have support from the student body.

A wide scale publicity campaign would increase the chances of success for a student senate forum. A different location should also be considered since the mall area of the Community Center building proved to be a distracting influence during this year's forum.

The idea of having a student senate forum is a good one and should be continued. But if next year's election is a bust, we hope the blame does not have to be placed in any way on the shoulders of ASG. It's one thing when the student body won't hold up their end of the election but it's entirely different and disturbing the election but it's an entirely different and disturbing situation when ASG and student government hopefuls don't hold up their ends.

FRANKLY SPEAKING... by phil frank



# Letters

To the Editor:

I agree - An old joke never does die. If you doubt that, look at the national elections where we have a peanut farmer versus a clumsy politician.

This year's ASG Senate election again left something to be desired. Three faults must be found. First, we in Student Government didn't seem to get the word out, even though a lot of publicity went out. Second to blame is THE COUGAR PRINT for not at least publicizing the pictures of those people running for office. Third and last is last year's Student Government. They left no informational hints, problems or solutions for this year's Student Government.

With only 126 people voting not much can be said that would sound positive. But to close this letter it is important to point out what students do have. With this type of involvement it is questionable if the activities and events will continue without student involvement.

Movies, speakers, clubs, intramurals, student publications, dances, art displays, voice in college directions and planning - these are just a few things that we, as students, now have. Without the students - that means you - student activities could very easily fade into history books.

Get involved or tell everyone what we at Clackamas Community College used to have.

Michael Ayers  
ASG President

To the Editor:

My compliments and encouragement to you, the cafeteria staff, on the improved decorum of your department. Food service does indeed serve students and several hundred permanent staff members on campus. Food service is a business enterprise and a business-like conduct with pleasantness and friendliness is a desirable and commendable image for you to preserve.

Staff members also like to relax and unwind in a pleasant, peaceful and clean coffee/dining area. Many staff members would like to bring friends, groups and other visitors to a cafeteria in

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which they can have pride. Students who like more activity and hilarity have a game room and lounge in which to unwind at their own pace.

Therefore as one staff member, I commend the improved atmosphere and encourage you to continue cheerful, more efficient and an even more business-like cafeteria service.

Dollie Am...  
Business instr...

To the Editor:

I would like to take this time to tell the students that a NORML (National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws) will be introduced to our new student senate for approval as a club at Clackamas Community College. As it stands now there is no other such club in Oregon and that is in Ashland (South Oregon College) where Dennis Ryan has headed that group since last March.

NORML doesn't advocate smoking marijuana but feels people shouldn't be jailed or fined because of the misunderstanding of marijuana critics have created in the last forty years. We aren't a group of "pot" smokers but come from various lifestyles. A few of the people on the NORML advisory board are senators Jacob J. (R.-NY) and Philip Hart (D.-MI), Benjamin Spock, M.D. and author of books on the art of raising children; and Hugh Hefner of Playboy magazine.

"Reefer Madness", the 1936 film classic that shocked the nation into believing that marijuana was as harmful as heroin, will be shown Oct. 25, at Noon in the Community Center. This is the film that helped put the "grass" laws on the books throughout the nation. Come and see "Reefer Madness" next Monday and find out for yourself how this propaganda movie pushed for tougher marijuana legislation and won big.

Your support of NORML is needed and if you are interested in what we are doing or have any ideas please let us know.

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