

opinion

ACU-I gripes

The Associated Student Government is a paying member of the Association of College Unions-International (ACU-I).

The ACU-I Region XIV conference was held Oct. 29 and 30 and after participating in and observing the conference we have come to the conclusion that ASG should seriously consider leaving that organization if significant changes cannot be made in its focus.

The conference was mostly activities-oriented and while we can see the need to have workshops built around activities there is a recognizable need for an organization like ACU-I to set up programs dealing with other student government concerns.

One of the more important concerns was to be touched upon in a previously announced workshop. Members of the Clackamas Community College delegation in attendance at that workshop were, at the very least, disappointed.

The workshop was entitled Programs That Affect the Community. The description of the program's content stated that discussion would include how to initiate and establish programs which have impact on the community at large as well as on campus. The workshop was nothing more than representatives of various college/community programs telling what the functions of their office was. Some of the students in attendance were expecting something more. A workshop where ideas could be exchanged and problems gone over in college-community relations would have been ideal.

Our main gripe with ACU-I is that the conference was too structured. There didn't seem to be any room for just getting together with other representatives to discuss problems or exchange ideas.

There are other conferences revolving around student activities. We see a greater need for organization of a conference -- not just within the state -- where student needs, projects and areas of interest to colleges and communities can be discussed in an atmosphere of give and take.

The 1976 ACU-I conference had too much give.

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letters

To the Editor:

In reaction and response to "Ill Wind" in a recent **COUGAR PRINT**, while fully realizing that this is, "first and foremost educational institution and not a community sponsored opinion piece" I would like to quote from a study done on the Jamaican use of marijuana.

"The Jamaican study revealed no physical or mental abnormalities characterizing the subjects using marijuana." By standard American cultural use, Jamaican users represent the epitome of exposure to marijuana. Use on this island has been customary for at least several generations (even during pregnancy) and consumes more potent cannabis than available to most Americans. It was initiated earlier in life as part of Jamaican folkways."

From the Consumer Reports description of the study: "Children are introduced to ganja (marijuana) quite early." The Jamaican report notes, "first as a medicament in 'Bush Tea' or in a crude form of vaporizing, where adults blow smoke at an infant with resulting congestion."

Increasing doses of marijuana tea throughout infancy are recommended as a prophylaxis against disease. School boys are urged to smoke marijuana to 'help them study' to 'improve memory' to 'help pass examinations.'"

In the best and worst of societies, the pursuit of pleasure is the responsibility of others.

Ken

To the Editor:

I understand that Clackamas Community College is going to build a new covered bridge between Randall and McLoughlin. I probably should be polite and demurely point out that the bridge would be ridiculously inappropriate, I've never much noted for my tact. Without a doubt, this qualifies as one of the stupidest ideas I've ever heard.

We don't live in North Dakota. The snow does not pile up several feet deep on the ground, and the temperature doesn't hover around 18 degrees below zero for weeks, or even days at a time. Even if the wind blows, it doesn't blow that cold. But then, that's not why we need a bridge, is it? No, we need this bridge so that the bureaucrats who run this institution can impress people with how this place resembles a real school.

In my opinion, the people who want to learn something at school are being ripped off. Of course, a lot of us are here on scholarships, etc., so I guess we're getting what we pay for.

Just the same, it seems to me that the money which would be spent on this 50-foot-or-so elevated, covered walkway could be more appropriately put toward any number of things, like tables for the science department, for example. Why, the walkway tables shake when someone walks by, I'm surprised that the students don't jump right out of their jars!

But then, how can simple, decent, educational equipment compare with the aesthetics involved in having a grand, new toy to play with? I can hear it already: "Gee Whiz! Don't we look a lot like a real school now that we got this keen new bridge?" I'm sure we will - they start running four lanes of traffic down the new street between Randall and McLoughlin.

Jay

Dear Sirs:

I couldn't believe how wonderful Kay St. Germain was. She had so much talent, and was so lively she could make anyplace a better life. She really had a lot of spunk and enthusiasm.

She made time appear to stand still the way she got up and moved around. She made a very relaxing and comfortable atmosphere.

I am really sorry more people didn't have the pleasure of participating in this fine program.

Steven

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