

# opinion

## Noise control

Imagine being a speaker, actor, or musician -- addressing your audience. Your effectiveness depends on your ability to reach that audience.

In the background, a steady hum of cafeteria conversation dominates the scene. Pinball machines rudely interrupt your delivery. And to top it off, a constant stream of people flows back and forth in front of you causing the attention of the audience to be disrupted.

All of these "background factors" are found on the CCC campus whenever a performer entertains in the Community Center Mall.

The noise encountered in this area cannot be felt during large concerts, such as jazz ensemble presentations, because the volume of the music usually drowns out this distraction.

In the case of demonstrations, such as the recent pool tournament, noise is a part of the festivities and a casual atmosphere results in more audience participation.

But when a performance demands complete attention in order to be appreciated, these factors can be very effective in reducing the quality of the performance.

Such was the case recently when the Ashland actors of Southern Oregon State College gave a demonstration in the CC Mall.

Granted, this area, because of its central location, is the best spot on campus to entertain a large audience. But why should the audience and performers have to put up with these distractions?

To misquote Shakespeare, "The course of attention never did run smooth."

## M-i-c k-e-y

At last week's student government meeting four students, three of them ASG members, wore Mickey Mouse hats.

The idea was derived from an editorial last year dealing with student elections and were worn to protest the direction or lack of direction that student government is taking this year.

Michael Ayers, Associated Student Government president, is letting things get completely out of hand. Seemingly, Ayers has not taken the time to learn the correct procedures by which to conduct meetings as set forth in the constitution of the Associated Students of Clackamas Community College.

So far this year student government meetings have ranged from mildly confusing to chaotic. If Ayers wishes to disregard the current procedures we suggest that he come up with some sort of alternative. Ignoring the fact that such procedures exist is ridiculous.

For their part, the senate should question Ayers on why he isn't "hip" to the procedures. Tolerance of this deficiency by the senate is inexcusable and will make a shambles out of student government.

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"Friends, Romans, and countrymen,  
Lend me your ears."



# letters

To the Editor:

I am the Activity Director for Clackamas Community College Associated Student Government, and I thought it was the Student Government, (and no one else) that no one could do the functions at the college, but I quickly found out differently.

At the beginning of the year we put out a survey during the year and the response was so poor that we should have given a wall. We also had a movie review and no one really cared.

I guess what I'm trying to say is I need your input in order to give you, as students and individuals, what you want and need. I want. But without your input the bands are playing to the speakers are talking to chairs, and the coffee house are playing into a group of rude people who don't care to hear music, anyway. I ask you, as your representative, "What do you want at all these functions." Please answer by putting a note in the Student Activities Office or by seeing me in person.

Pat Br  
Activities Director

To the Editor:

I think too many people observing the sports program at Clackamas Community College just ignore wrestling. The other day at the pool tournament, I heard somebody say something like, "Clackamas will finally be first at something." Well, if people would look at the wrestling team's record for the past seven years they would find that CCC has been the league and state champion each year. They have been first, third and sixth in the National tournament in Worthington, Minnesota in the last seven years. Thirty-six wrestlers have gone to the national competition and have come back being champions in their weight division. The team record for the past seven years is, 99-23-3, which is an outstanding record.

If people would take the time to go to the wrestling matches like they do other sport activities, they would find this sport as exciting as football, basketball, or any other sport, if not more. So before you start putting CCC down for not being good in anything, go to a wrestling match.

Tim  
Physical Education

To the Editor:

I am writing to you in regards of a little known group of women located at the Law School, University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon 97403.

They are known to the Associated Students of the University of Oregon as the Womans Law Forum. They comprise 50 female students (28 percent of the law class) who earnestly believe in female equality and wish to see equal representation through our government process.

I fully support these gallant young ladies and I hope you do too. You see, during the present lame-duck executive session at the White House, there is much fertile potential for politically reducing the issue here to a non-issue. In Essence, Now is the time to bring this issue up.

Thomas Michael Cor  
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