

Child care lobbying set as priority

# Bellavita named CCOSAC rep

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Jerry Bellavita, who resigned last month as Associated Student Government's (ASG) assistant to the president, has been named as ASG's representative to the Community Colleges of Oregon Student Association and Commissions (CCOSAC).

Recently, Bellavita enumerated plans, proposals and possibilities, as well as what he sees, wants and hopes for during his involvement with CCOSAC.

CCOSAC is comprised of representatives from each of Oregon's 13 community colleges. It has statewide political value because it represents 250,000 students.

According to Bellavita, CCOSAC works in close coordination with the Oregon Student Lobby, which is the corresponding organization to CCOSAC's Lobbying Commission at Oregon's four-year institutions.

"We share the same priorities," Bellavita said. "Present financial aid services should include aid in the form of day care vouchers which would guarantee payments to any accredited day care facility."

If state dollars are allocated for this purpose, Bellavita believes that a by-product would be "a rapid increase in the number of day care centers in Oregon."

Another priority of CCOSAC's Lobbying Commission is two-fold and "guaranteed to raise some hackles," Bellavita said.

"The Student Information Bill of Rights (of which Bellavita is a Bill Captain) and the Student Process Bill of Rights are based on the premise that the student is a consumer," he said.

"If you accept this as a premise -- that the student is a consumer of the services offered by educational institutions," he continued, "you must recognize that, as consumers, students have a number of rights."

"The student is entitled to -- and the institution bears the responsibility to provide -- information about the product," Bellavita said. "These rights include access to the evaluation reports on instructors, job success of recent graduates, qualifications and publications, if any, of faculty members."

The concept of "consumer/student"

would necessitate the recognition of enrollment as "a contract between the student and the college," he said. "Class cancellations by the college, that raise havoc with a student's two or four-year schedule could then be viewed as breaches of that contract."

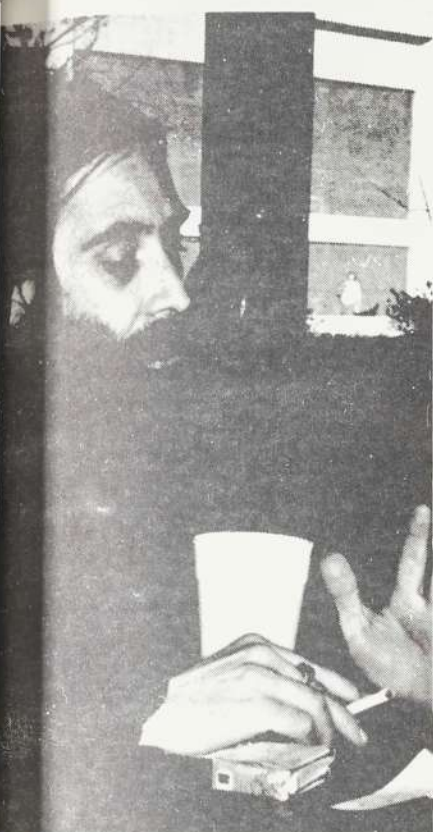
"Under the provisions of the Student Process Bill of Rights, the student, as consumer, would be entitled to involvement in search committees for enrollees, faculty and administrative personnel," Bellavita said.

"I see CCOSAC as the potential viable voice of the community college student," he said. "In the past a lack of management skill, difficulty in inter-campus communication, and an inadequate funding and budgeting process have contributed to CCOSAC's ineffectiveness."

Bellavita believes he can have an effect on the immediate management problem. "I want to contribute to a continuity in management, budgeting and record maintenance," he said. "I believe I can have a high impact on the group."

"It is possibly the Machiavellian part of my nature that I am task-oriented," he said, "and in one respect CCOSAC is a position of power which may be used to accomplish a task."

Bellavita is the only representative to the CCOSAC Board of Presidents who is not a student body president. He recognizes the "delegation of authority" by Mike Ayers, ASG President, as an appreciable sacrifice.



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... chosen CCOSAC rep

## School closes

As winter progresses and the thermometer dips below freezing, the possibility of school closings due to icy roads becomes more frequent.

In the case of Clackamas Community College, it will be the decision of Ronald Kaiser, Dean of Instruction, whether to allow CCC to remain open when hazardous road conditions arise.

Dean Kaiser's decision will then be relayed to a school announcement network which will then alert the nine major radio stations in the area.

If CCC is closed, the announcement should be broadcasted before 7:00 a.m., and if evening classes are cancelled, the message should be broadcasted before 4:00 p.m.

"Unless people hear the college is closed, it's open," said John Hakanson, president of CCC.

## Money stolen

Two hundred dollars was stolen from the change machines in Clairmont and Randall Halls, Jan. 6. Chief of Campus Security, Stan Johnson, stated that the theft was possibly committed by one of the Servomatic employees, as there was no sign of forced entry of the machines. New locks are being put on the machines to prevent further theft.

Two hit-and-run drivers were picked up on campus in different instances, Jan. 8 and 9. One had hit a motorcyclist in Oregon City. The cyclist was taken to Willamette Falls Hospital for treatment and then released. Minor injuries were sustained. The second driver backed into a car and then left the scene. Both drivers were turned over to the Oregon City Police Department.

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