

# opinion

## Humanity

The Clackamas Community College Board of Education voted to allocate \$54,475 for the second phase of a program to remove architectural barriers at the college during their meeting Wednesday, Feb. 9.

Earlier the board had voted in favor of spending \$10,000 for the first phase of the project.

Some people may question the allocations on the grounds that handicapped students make up a very small portion of the college community.

We think this question is not valid.

This college has an obligation to provide equal access to all facilities to all students and, if nothing else, the board has proven that humanitarian concerns are not a thing of the past.

## Athletic high

The problem of pressure to win in athletics can not be directed solely on the coach nor can it fall on the administration of a school that tells a coach to win, or lose a job. The blame falls on society as a whole. We have become so caught up in winning that we now accept any means to reach that goal -- even young, growing athletes taking pills.

The problem of drug use to get an upper hand on an athletic opponent will never be changed until we, as a society, concentrate on competition as exercise and fun rather than the ultimate winning program.

"The more we make sports a life-and-death matter and the more we concentrate on a person's needing to win or to succeed in order to feel worthwhile, the more we will undermine the contribution that sports can make," said Thomas Tutko and William Bruns, authors of "Winning is Everything and Other American Myths."

"Let's eliminate the grandiosity of sports and see it for what it should offer to 99 per cent of those who participate: healthy recreation, where a person can have fun while developing physical skills and emotional maturity in a positive interaction with other people."

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## FRANKLY SPEAKING

...by phil frank



# letters

## Courtesy request

To the Editor:

I would like to congratulate Rod Ragsdale for his fine performance at the Wednesday, Feb. 9 Coffee House.

Rod not only competed against a microphone system that did not work, but he competed also against the people who were talking in the audience. The purpose of an audience is to listen, not to be competitors with the performer.

If students feel like talking I think it is only common courtesy to talk quietly or go somewhere else. Talking is not only discourteous to the performer, but rude to those who do wish to listen.

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