

opinion

Fair evaluation

The Associated Student Government has allocated a total of \$2,094.75 for the spring fair that they are sponsoring.

The idea behind the fair (giving the community the opportunity to find out what the college is all about) is a good one but if some changes are not made, this allocation is going to turn out to be a waste of resources.

Half of the total figure (\$1,044.75) will be used to purchase food and drink for concession stands. Six hundred dollars will be spent on canopies to cover the concessions and the entertainment areas. That leaves \$450 for entertaining events.

The fair will feature musical entertainment throughout the four days it takes place, sky diving and an auto cross. There will also be horse and buggy tours of the college. All of these are real grabber events.

There will also be booths where people can find out about different areas on campus and booths for people to sell arts and crafts and the like. More excitement.

Income from the fair will be made up of concession sales, sales booth rental and the horse and buggy rides.

To our way of thinking, this fair doesn't offer any kind of event attractive enough to even draw their conservative estimate of 3,000 spectator participants. If the fair doesn't draw crowds, student money is wasted and the whole purpose of the fair is defeated.

The money needed for an event with a real hook should not be taken from ASG funds. This does not diminish the need for additional funds.

So far, the ASG members coordinating the fair have decided not to investigate the possibilities of supplemental funding from other college sources and we feel that this isolationist attitude spells disaster for the fair.

Student vote?

As everyone should know by now, Clackamas Community College's operating levy for the 1977-78 school year failed to gain voter approval.

In talks held with Howard Fryett, chairperson of the Elections Steering Committee, one point was stressed over and over again: the necessity of a large student turnout at the polls if the budget were to pass.

The students here, more than any other group in the community should know whether or not the college is serving its purpose.

It seems ironic that the group the college was created to serve is the least important factor when it comes time for public evaluation.

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letters

Efforts ignored

To the Editor:

The total lack of interest and concern for our efforts in the vocational areas is disturbing and appalling. The instructors and administrators worked long and hard; made plans and preparations several months ahead so that the students from high schools all over the state could be hosted warmly and have a meaningful contest. It was an outstanding event!

The Cougar Print completely ignored our efforts. We do make newsworthy accomplishments, but normally, and by nature, we don't "toot our own horns", but maybe we are going to be forced to start. The squeaky wheel gets oiled. Cougars, we are squeaking.

From this point on I want to go on record and let you know that we do have a Vocational Department that is vitally a part of the campus. We are relating to potential college students and taxpayers as well as our regular full time students.

Ernie Whisenand
Metals Department Chairman

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