

# opinion

## Roofless stadium

It is our opinion that, regardless of the term used, the "permanent mass spectator seating" that has been budgeted for the Clackamas Community College Athletic Department is just another name for stadium. And if the athletic department wants to build a stadium they should just say so and not try to hide behind verbiage.

After all, if this year's benches are designed to protect the health of area residents by keeping them off the wet ground the next logical step is a roof to keep their heads dry.

And if a stadium (read that "permanent mass spectator seating") is going to be built we feel that the public (read the taxpayers) should have a say in the matter. There have been no mass spectator events to warrant permanent seating and a more realistic approach would be to simply reposition the seating already available.

To the budget committee, \$12,200 may not seem like a lot of money, but to many students that is much more than their entire year's income. It seems to us that the money could be better spent on things that serve the student population community as a whole.

After all, CCC is not planning on an expanded football program or anything. Or is it?

## Double bind

Earlier this week a major area electrical-power producer announced it will seek a rate increase of eight per cent for residential customers and 14-39 per cent for commercial and industrial customers.

The president of the firm blamed the drought for the increase in power production costs and stated that low water conditions are responsible for high power costs. It is not unlikely that other utilities will soon ask for a similar rate increase.

Our question is this; "Why should the consumer have to pay for a private company's operating costs when that consumer is already involved in an effort to conserve energy use?"

Ironically, in using less electrical power, the consumer will still be charged more.

Seems you just can't win no matter how hard you try.

## House bill 2459

Student parents will finally have their forum at the Oregon Legislature when Subcommittee Four of the Ways and Means Committee meets today at the Capitol.

The committee will gather to consider House Bill 2459 which would provide money for child care to low income student-parents across the state.

Student-parents now having trouble meeting rising day care costs for their children could be directly benefited if the bill is approved.

Until student-parents and their children descended on the Capitol for an afternoon rally last week, the bill had been languishing in subcommittee four since its early referral there in February.

We hope House Bill 2459 will become a reality to the student-parents in Oregon and we commend their successful effort last week in gaining the attention of state legislators. Score one against bureaucratic apathy.

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