

Voters should make education a priority

The "Safety Net" has helped keep schools open and allowed students to get an education; it should be retained.

Of the 303 school districts in Oregon, 48 are in the safety net; 21 of those schools have been in the safety net for over two years. One-sixth of Oregon's elementary and secondary students are enrolled in schools which are in the safety net.

Under the safety net districts are required to operate on their previous year's levy unless the district voters approve a higher levy.

It is safe to say that there would be no need for the safety net if people would stand up and support the schools and the education of the next generation of leaders. However, people seem to be preoccupied with the idea that education is not important and that schools should be shut down or fall into the state's safety net rather than stay open.

When the schools would have had to

close because of lack of funds they can fall back onto the safety net and remain open. Therefore, the children can get an education - of sorts.

It is unfortunate that schools and students have to rely on the safety net, but something had to be done. The state could not just sit back and watch schools being closed left and right, leaving many students without a school close by or having to transfer to another school. So the gods of education created the "Safety Net," which allowed schools with cheapskate voters to remain open.

It is nice to have the "Safety Net" to rely on, but it would be much better if the schools could rely on the voters and not the state to keep Oregon's schools open.

The "Safety Net" might not allow a student to get a complete education, but getting some education is better than getting no education at all.

Country concert may put CCC on the map

The progress which has been made by the Clackamas Community College Foundation on the "New Pioneers Country Concert" is exceptional.

The foundation's ability to connect with, through a promoter, such country music names as Ricky Skaggs and Lyle Lovett is something that should not go unnoticed.



Christopher L. Curran

"New Pioneers Country Concert" is an event that has the capability of putting Clackamas Community College on the map.

College officials modestly anticipate 3,000 to 5,000 spectators to gather in Wilsonville Memorial Park for the 10 hour concert.

This may be a bit premature, but it's conceivable that the attendance for the event could rise far beyond those numbers.

The key is promotion. If the event receives enough promotion, through mediums like KWJJ and KATU, two of the concert's sponsors, then the event will draw much more than the anticipated maximum of 5,000.

Recently when Lovett was in town, his concert drew a large number of people. Combined with the other talent to be featured at "New Pioneers Country Concert."

A lot of effort is still going into making

the concert a success. There is still some work that needs to be done. However, at this point, it appears that the college is on its way to the big time.

There are now two candidates seeking the offices of president and vice president in next year's Associated Student Government.

Garrett Lytle and Steven Rudometkin are contending for president and two current ASG members, Gertrude Amundson and Tim Jones, are vying for vice president.

From the looks of things, it seems as though we may have a couple of tight races.

After nearly two weeks of deliberation, it appears that the Exxon Valdez will be headed towards Portland for repairs following its oil spill.

Ironically, Exxon Valdez' captain, Jeff Hazelwood, may also be on his way to the rose city to measure his alcohol intake (in other words: to get drunk). Stay tuned.

Two weeks ago The Clackamas Print urged Congress to approve a \$4.55 minimum wage bill.

Last Friday, Congress did just that. The bill will now be sent to the president, who is expected to veto it.

This Week's GE Award (Genuine Excellence) goes to The entire Clackamas Associated Student Government, who seem to have a well-rehearsed knack of disappearing when you need them most. Congratulations.

Student Opinions

Compiled by Jillian Porter

How do you feel about the government making abortion illegal?



I think any decision should be made by the people. If the people say that the government should make abortion illegal, then that's the society's decision. But personally I feel it should be the individual's choice.

- Jack Johnston



I realize that this is a hard subject to talk about, but on a whole I think that it should not be illegal. But, there are certain cases where there is a lot of debate.

- Cynthia Scheele



I think that the solution to the abortion issue rests, not in prohibition, but on education. It's obvious to me that abortion is a very personal choice and that freedom of choice is an important part of American society. With this in mind, I think that it is our government's responsibility to educate every woman and man regarding the effects of abortion - physically, emotionally and spiritually as opposed to taking this choice away or to allowing decisions of this kind to be based on misconceptions and ignorance.

- Brian Casey



I feel that abortions are a woman's right and nobody should tell them what to do with their baby. A lot of women can't afford to have a child. When they do decide they are ready to have a child, financially and mentally it will be their choice.

- Rachel Knowlton

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