

Right to vote should not be taken lightly

Yesterday was an election day. Ballot Measure One was being decided. If you did not vote yesterday, then this editorial is for you.

Two weeks back in Panama, located in Central America, an election was held. General Manuel Noriega was sponsoring an election between his own hand-picked candidate and the opposition leader. The day after the election Noriega announced a sweeping victory by 2 to 1 for his candidate. Former President Jimmy Carter said that this is a lie and that opposition candidate, Endara, was the true winner.

On Wednesday of last week the opposition candidate and others were attacked by thugs of Noriega. One of the bodyguards of the vice-presidential candidate was killed. This man is now a martyr dying for what most of you won't even use, your right to vote.

On Thursday of last week President George Bush sent United States soldiers to Panama to protect American lives there. He once again used a power that was granted him by the Constitution and has been exercised since George Washington. Once again young men are sent off to protect our freedom in the United States.

One of these freedoms is the freedom to vote for the candidate of our own choice. Throughout history American men have

fought in wars to protect this freedom. Every time you do not vote it makes their struggles and deaths pointless.

My uncles fought in the Vietnam war and the Korean war, and my great uncles fought in World War II. You probably know people who have fought in these wars or even died in them, yet you do not even support them by voting. You might as well just slap them in the face. Every man, woman and child who has died in wars against totalitarian states or for freedom will have died in vain when you don't vote.

Voting is the great equalizer. Whether you are black, white, yellow, brown, red, woman or man all are able to vote and all only have one vote. A homeless person on Burnside is equal with Donald Trump once he steps into the voting booth. No matter who you are you still have only one vote--the same as every one else.

Ballot Measure One may not seem like the sort of election that decides the fate of nations. There is a principle involved however. Every time you don't vote, you slowly lose that right to vote.

In years to come there may be a candidate that will be elected, not because of what he or she can do but because nobody will vote against him.

Hitler came to power in just that sort of way.

Building's completion shouldn't be delayed

Clackamas Community College needs a contingency plan.

The college needs to avoid future occurrences such as the bus turnaround.

Clackamas Community College will be undergoing some construction within the next eight years. That construction is both on campus and in Wilsonville.

The college's bond levy, passed in March, is allocating money to construct a new classroom/computer lab building, a 10,000 square foot facility in Wilsonville, as well as the remodeling of the Community Center and McLoughlin Hall.

The original completion date for the bus turnaround was Sept. 15 of last year. The remodeled bus turnaround officially opened at the end of last month. The college can't afford to have that kind of delay when its working on a project of this magnitude.

The new building is due to be completed by 1993. Clackamas County voters are expecting that. Completion by that date is part of the bond levy package. The college needs to meet that deadline.

Part of the failure to meet the deadline on the bus turnaround, could have been the failure to begin the project at the right time

of year.

Instead of planning to finish in the fall, the college could have planned the bus turnaround to begin earlier, perhaps even before spring term was completed. This way, the necessary weather conditions could have existed in August, therefore having the project completed before fall term.

The only surprising thing about the bus turnaround was that the college didn't go over-budget on the project, as it has on other projects.

If the college is going to be constructing new facilities, then there should be a contingency plan to make sure that those facilities are completed on time.

The architecture firm of Barrentine, Bates and Lee, who are working on the designs for the new classroom building, is currently accumulating input from college faculty. At the same time this is happening, college officials could be troubleshooting the delays that could occur during construction.

If the troubleshooting is done, then the new facility may have a chance of being completed on time, unlike the bus turnaround.

Letters to the Editor...

Thanks for helping out with library book sale

To the Editor:

The Friends of CCC Library would like to thank the following students for their help with the annual book sale on May 2 and 3. (Most of these students are members of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society.)

Harold Isackson
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Thank you for Disability Day personal experiences

To the Editor:

Dear Participants of Disability Awareness Day,
I just wanted to say a heartfelt thank you to Sally, Jeff, Jan, Mike, Linda and Rudy for sharing your personal experiences with all of us on Disability Awareness Day. Each one of you increased my awareness of and sensitivity to disabled people.

It takes a special strength to be willing to expose the private parts of our lives to an audience of semi-strangers. I appreciate very much that you were comfortable in taking that risk. You are each every unique individuals. Thanks again for increasing our understanding and insight. (Thanks to David Campbell and Betty Reynolds for organizing and assisting too!)

Kathy Scheer
Financial Aid Coordinator

If you can't pay attention then let the rest of us

To the Editor:

I was embarrassed by my fellow students' behavior during Dan Wentzel's performance in the Community Center at noon on May 10.

Mr. Wentzel put on a fine acoustic guitar concert where he played and sang many of his own songs. It's too bad that half the audience chose to talk and laugh during the performance as though he were not even in the room.

This is not TV folks; this is live. Your rude behavior bothered me and probably him too. Try to imagine how you would feel if you gave a performance and half the audience ignored you.

If you don't want to show your respect by attentive listening, go elsewhere!

For those of you who missed Dan Wentzel's concert, he will be playing this summer at a place called "Night Deposit" in Salem.

Lila Morris
Student

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