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## Smoking, tobacco sales bans go hand-in-hand

In the May 25 faculty senate meeting, the faculty voted to revise a recommendation it made to President's Council regarding the sale of tobacco products (cigarettes) in the Bookstore.

We need to understand that the sale of cigarettes in the bookstore promotes smoking on campus. If we ban smoking on the Clackamas campus, then the sale of tobacco products should be banned as

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to smoke if they desire. I'm not disregarding that fact. Students who smoke pay their tuition to attend Clackamas Community College knowing that they have the right to smoke.

What a large number of the smoking population at Clackamas doesn't seem to understand is that non-smokers also pay their tuition to attend Clackamas, most expecting the smoke level not to rise into a major issue on campus. Don't these non-smokers also have the freedom of choice-the freedom to attend college without being subjected to the inhalation of a deadly substance? Let's make no mistake, eigarette smoke is a deadly substance, not to mention that is at least as addictive as Heroin. Cigarette smoke also has no medical benefits; that is a fact.

The issue here is not the smokers' freedom of choice, but the students' freedom of choice. At this college, all students must be treated equal.

Yesterday the Clackamas President's Council had the opportunity to make this decision. The decision of whether or not to have smoking on campus has gotten to the level that it must be made. However, the decision should be made by the students--not the administration or faculty.

The major conflict we are forced to deal with is just exactly what is more important, the smokers' right to smoke or the right of all students to protect their health? In the end, the reality is that designating all indoor areas on campus would be a partial ban on smoking at Clackamas Community College.

Smokers, as well as Jim Titus, will tell you that it's not fair to ban smoking indoors because it would violate the smokers' freedom of choice; and smoking outdoors wouldn't be fair.

If these people choose to smoke, then they're going to have to make sacrifices to do that. One of those sacrifices should not

## Smoking a `non-issue' for `80s activist society

Welcome back to the 1960s--a watered-down version, that is. If you watched any television at all this year you know that the American people are extremely nostalgic for that wonderful decade of activism and political awareness. Hell, even ALF had a 60s episode. But there is no Vietnam War in 1989, no feeling that the system is screwing everyone, no major cause to rally around (at least none that anyone recognizes)

So what is the climate of activism in 1989? We have a multitude of non-issues to fill the void: animal rights "commandos" place the value of a mink or guinea pigabove fellow human beings, law-abiding gun owners are denied the right to own certain weapons, and everyone is in shock over steroid use as a multi-billion dollar narcotic industry goes unchecked. College campuses used to be the center of protest. What major, earth-shattering issue confronts us today at Clackamas? What issue received more coverage in The Print than almost any other? The issue the campus of Clackamas Community College is torn apart by is whether or not to allow smoking or sell tobacco products. Absolutely ridiculous.

It seems that, in the late '80s version of activism, protestors have given up their assault on the system and turned their attention toward personal freedom. Who really cares whether or not people smoke on campus? If the problem is "secondhand smoke," why don't non-smokers simply ask smokers to step outside, rather than complaining to their friends? It makes more sense than skulking around in afterthe-fact forums or wasting time passing

Smokers are just like everybody else;

they simply have an addiction. There aren't many smokers who would blatantly smoke in front of someone after that person has informed the smoker that he is bothered by cigarette smoke. I have been stepping outside for a cigarette since the beginning of the year, rain or shine, ban or no ban.

Another non-issue tied to smoking is the sale of tobacco products in the bookstore. Some people say it is hypocritical to

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ban smoking in any way on campus, or pass out stop smoking

still sell cigarettes on campus. These people also say that harmful products shouldn't be sold. I really wish these people would turn their energies and passions to things like the environment or the homeless and quit taking such a personal interest in my health. I am fully aware of the dangers of smoking, but I am a big boy now and am capable of making my own decisions.

Is the bookstore going to quit selling candy because sugar is harmful in excess? Are they going to throw out all of their Xacto knives because sharp objects are dangerous? Is it really important? Does anybody even care? In a free society people have the right to make choices, good or bad. People should be allowed to smoke (with courtesy for others), eat Hershey bars, and even chew on X-acto blades if they want (as long as they don't get blood or chocolate on anyone else).

Maybe the next time a non-smoker "can't get away from all the smoke" he should take a trip to the Environmental Learning Center and learn about what needs to be done to keep our planet hab-

## Federal deficit could be shrunk with lottery funds

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The Oregonian, Wednesday, November 30, 1988, carried an article by Bill MacKenzie, in the Business Section, titled:

"Group Suggests Ways to Help Reduce Deficit"

The roster of the group was made up of distinguished gentlemen from the worlds of Academia and Big Business.

Briefly, suggestions for the reduction of the deficit were: Cap defense spending; increase taxes on higherincome Social Security recipients; control the

rate of Medicare cost increases; reduce federal and military retirement costs; reduce farm price supports. The council favored higher taxes on the assumption "that financing federal spending through taxes is greatly preferable to deficit financing."

Revenue choices proposed include: Raise motor fuel taxes and excise taxes on cigarettes and alcohol; limit home-equity loan deductions and phase out deductibility of mortgage interest on vacation homes; impose a permanent 5 percent income-tax surcharge on families earning more than \$220,350 a year and a temporary four-year 5 percent surcharge on all other individual

During a high-level conference held at the first table inside the street door of Howell's Lounge and Restaurant on Seventh Street, in Oregon City, Oregon, a similar stab at solving the financial woes of these United States of America was on the

Present were no less than four great thinkers on matters universal. They were Otto Vance Long, inventor extra-ordinaire; Joe Lee, bon vivant, latter day poet and idea man, working out of the right hemisphere of his brain, churning out notions central to any subject under discussion; Mike McJunkin, contractor, builder, good family man and computer-wise genius; and Tim O'Rourke, young, intelligent, thoughtful man of the hour with a keen insight into matters arcane as well as conventional.

The matter of the National debt was under scrutiny by this erudite collection of citizenry. Otto aired his idea for the dissolution of the 3 trillion and growing pile that threatens to bring this country into the country club-status of a banana republic.

Our President George (read my lips) Bush has vowed "No New Taxes) which translates to "we'll just increase the old

The Otto Vance Long solution: Start a National Lottery, dedicating the profits (after paying off the prizes on the winning tickets), to the National Debt and nothing else until that mountain of debt has been levelled to nothing and we have a surplus in

the treasury of a similar amount. Otto Vance Long points out that the machinery for this lottery is already in place. The Government Printing Office could print the tickets; every Post Office would sell the tickets; every US government office would have the equipment to do so, as would every bank, Plaid Pantry, 7-11 store, library, school, University; in other words, this would be a declaration of War on the

Big Pile, generated during the eight year reign of Ronald Re-

Twice a week, about 170,000,000, people would buy tick-

ets. This comes to \$240,000,000, a week, less about 2 percent for overhead, since the regular employees of the government, already on the payroll, and all the other facilities mentioned, would do the person to person work on each purchase of a ticket. The net take on this government-sponsored gaming project would discharge the National Debt in jig time, an put our government in the black, as it should be with a world-class government which we like to think we are.

When a suitable good-house keeping sum is set aside for stormy-day contingencies, the net profit from the Lottery would be applied to programs such as Health, Catastrophic Illnesses, Cancer Research, Education, Infrastructure Maintenance and Repair, Space Exploration, Foreign Aid and so forth.

The Committee of Four, invoking the spirit of Frank Howell, now deceased, and his convivial brother Charlie, who was not present but would have been had he not been in Palm Springs at the time, agreed that this was a capital idea. This is a most democratic way to get money for our country. It is altogether voluntary, bringing no hardship on individuals and their families and offering a chance to become wealthy beyond their wildest dreams.

Thousand of prizes could be won twice a week. Cash for first prize could be 5 million, graduating down to \$500. After that prizes could be moth-balled ships, Bradley Tanks, out-dated firearms, \$740 toilet seats, \$450 hammers, and sundry tools now warehoused by the Pentagon. There must be millions of typewriters sitting in warehouses gathering dust which could be palmed off as prizes in the lower echelons of the winners.

So, there it is, Georgie Boy. Notice that that evil word "TAX" is not mentioned once in this proposal. And it could give every man-Jack citizen a patriotic high whenever he/she buys that Red, White and Blue ticket. 'Twould insure your place in History and give you some one-up-manship on old Ronnic.'

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