

From the editor...

The ASG "Highway to Hell" dance last week was something less than successful. Including ASG members and their dates, approximately 40 people attended the event. This is kind of strange when you consider that most of the student surveys received by ASG stated that people would like to see more dances at CCC.

Actually, when you think about it, the apathy level at Clackamas is about right: we're a two-year community college with no on-campus housing, the average age of a student is 32, and a large number of CCC students work. Why should anyone be concerned with what goes on outside of the classroom?

Unfortunately, even apathetic students are capable of criticism; it is characteristic of the human animal to complain. But no one should complain without getting involved. Why complain without trying to change the situation?

More examples of apathy: The Print has gotten back exactly ONE reader survey (a reader survey was published in the second issue of the term), and no one outside of student activities has donated to the earthquake relief effort.

The college experience is more than showing up for all your classes, it's getting involved in campus activities. Education IS the priority, but when special activities are offered why not use them as a way to supplement the total college experience?

I hate to nitpick, but...it appears that local papers "borrow" from The Print on occasion. I have seen quotes gathered by Print reporters used in at least two local newspapers. Maybe I was gone the day Linda Vogt covered this subject in Reporting I, but researching a story shouldn't mean lifting quotes out of another paper. It isn't against any law, as far as I know, but it is definitely against the journalistic code of ethics.

If papers such as the Enterprise Courier or the Clackamas County Review don't have time to come out to the college and interview people like Royce Kiser for themselves, why don't they call us? We would be happy to help them out.

News sources are strange. They react uniquely to every reporter that talks to them. After editing stories for awhile a person gets to the point where he can almost tell which reporter got a certain quote. Imagine that person's surprise when he sees the very same quote in a different paper.

To those papers who save time and gas covering the CCC beat by interviewing the pages of The Print (and you know who you are): we're watching you...

Minimum wage increase good idea

The government seemed to pull the rug out from under those who earn minimum wage from 1981 to 1988 when it failed to raise along with the poverty level.

Why was a pay raise needed? For one thing, the poverty level (the minimum amount a person can live on) for a family of four in 1988 was at \$10,610. On \$3.35 (working 40 hours a week), a person could make \$6,800. Needless to say, a single woman with three kids could not make enough to support her children. This shows that a 1981 wage could not help this woman in 1988. What if she happened to be a student? This woman would be way below the poverty line.

For those who are single, poor, starving students with no depend-

ents, \$3.35 supposedly gives them plenty of money, \$6,800 a year, which is well above the poverty level of \$5,200. Experts say that a person can live relatively "comfortable". Maybe these experts should try living on this amount instead of their \$100,000 a year salaries.

With the increase to \$3.85, the hypothetical woman with three kids would make a hypothetical \$8,000. This is a start, but still not enough. As for the hypothetical single student, the increase will not be enough to keep him/her away from the loan department.

There are other drawbacks to this deal. Many businesses will be hit hard by this increase, so they say. A few of these employers have cut back on staff and their

hours to compensate. One restaurant in Gresham had to raise the prices on the cuisine to absorb the increased wages. Employees at a retail business have complained that they are not getting same hours before the increase.

Is raising the minimum wage a good idea after all? Yes. It will help those who need it most: single mother, unskilled entry level workers and others of similar nature. The U.S. also has to follow the example of its neighbors, such as Canada, where the minimum wage is soon to be \$5.50. Younger people also need more of an incentive to stay in the work force and not to be participants in the growing drug problem.

So overall a higher minimum

wage will help the employee, but to what extent? It comes down to the employer, who sees each employee a \$1,000 cut into his/her profits. Businesses may use the increase to justify cuts in job opportunities. This is really pathetic. Businesses should be able to afford this and are just trying to whine their way to profits.

All in all, the business world practices a dog eat dog philosophy, turning employees into just another statistic. These corporate moguls who run the country need to see the growing gap between the rich and the poor. Maybe these moguls should wake up and show a little more compassion for their fellow man, instead of exploiting them.

Gabor got the justice she deserved

The Zsa Zsa Gabor Affair filled the news headlines for a couple of days recently and revealed a few facts that are worthy of attention.

First off, she was stopped by a Boy in Blue for a traffic infraction and in the ensuing brouhaha, hauled off and slapped him in the face. Naturally, he wrote a ticket, citing her for driving erratically, having an open container of an alcohol beverage in the car, and for slapping him.

In court and out of court she was her usual flannel-mouth personality, castigating the officer, calling him a fascist and stating emphatically in Hungarian he would be shot. Her remarks, the judge said, denigrated all police officers in America.

He ordered he to show her

real age (70) on her driver's license and to indicate her true weight, 150, instead of 100. Judge Rubin sentenced her to two years in the slammer, then reduced it to 72 hours plus 120 days of community service in a homeless women's shelter, and to pay fines and costs just under \$13,000.

Considering her age, that's fair enough. He should have lifted her license to drive, I think. But, he's the judge, I'm not.

He suggested she undergo some psychology therapy, which was a good move.

I hate to take anyone's inventory but there are a lot of character defects displayed in this incident. First she arrogantly resists

legal authority and vehemently takes wild verbal swings at authority in general. She shows a complete disregard for the law carrying open containers of booze in her car. She throws tantrums at the drop of a hat, like a spoiled

rich kid used to getting her way with this ploy. All these acts are predicated on the fact that she is Zsa

Zsa Gabor who has enjoyed years in the limelight because of her acting career (brief) and her marriages (eight).

Now for my two-bits worth. Zsa Zsa Gabor will do well to heed the psychologist when he suggests that she has a severe problem with alcohol. The symptoms are classic. A treatment center

for her problem such as the one established by Betty Ford, would get her started toward a life less turbulent and reduce displays of hubris.

This incident evoked a memory of a day in New York during the Summer of 1946. I was window shopping near 57th and Madison and looked up the street to see four lovelies walking along, arm in arm, jabbering and laughing in Hungarian. I was enthralled. The breathtaking vision of the four Gabor ladies: Jolie, the mother, Magda, Eva and Zsa Zsa, was almost more than my 35 year old psyche could handle.

To this day, my best memories of New York include this incident.

As the song sings: New York, New York!

The Laugh Clinic Joseph Patrick Lee

Missing Links

by Paul Henry



"Looking for something?!"

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