

From the editor...

With the exception of covering the outcome of the opinion poll and the measures taken regarding its outcome, I hope this is the last time I have to write about the smoking issue on campus because, frankly, I'm pretty damn sick of it.

Since I joined the staff of this paper last year, there have been more editorials about smoking printed in these pages than on any other subject. As far as news articles, I think only last year's bond levy may have gotten more coverage than the smoking ban. Enough is enough! Everybody clean the wax out of your ears and listen while I bang your heads together.

Smokers: quit whining. Yes, this is a free country and yes, we all have rights, but sometimes we don't always get exactly what we want and you all just have to live with that. I have to smoke outside at home, so smoking outside at school doesn't seem that strange. I also think I have a perfectly good right to several million dollars, but you don't see me whining because I don't have a Swiss account, do you?

Non-smokers, here's the deal: just quit complaining about second-hand smoke and your right to clean air and all that crap and give the smokers somewhere to smoke. Seal it off, don't ever go there and you won't shrivel up and die of cancer from the minute amount of smoke you've been inhaling.

Simple. Problem solved. Now that I've made enemies of everyone on campus, on to Dr. Epstein.

I find it somehow inappropriate that a faculty member would make a disparaging remark about a student's academic performance in a public forum. Let me check the notes I took at the smoking forum last week and find out exactly what was said.

I believe Dr. Epstein said, in response to remarks made by student Steve Jones, "Obviously, Mr. Jones, that's why you didn't do well in my class, because you don't listen."

This kind of comment, made in front of the students peers in a public meeting, is not what you would expect from a faculty member. The remark was very unprofessional and deserving of public apology (after all, the comment was made in public). Although Dr. Epstein does agree that the comment was inappropriate, he doesn't seem too remorseful and has, as far as I know, not yet made any steps toward an apology.

Feel free, Dr. Epstein, to use the pages of this paper for an apology, if the mood should strike you.

Home town had its share of nicknames

My home town, Superior, Wisconsin, population 30,000, had its share of crazy nicknames when I was in my teens and later. The origin of some these names is not always clear. Sometimes it is.

"Ironhead" Barnaby played football as a youngster without protection for his skull. He was a powerful kid for his age and liked to take the ball and plunge through the line recklessly. The other kids feared contact with him of any sort. He was a sort of juggernaut on the loose. In fist fights he took a lot of blows to the face without flinching. A real tough kid who now owns a tug boat company operating in the waters around Chicago.

"Gogs" McCabe was my age and went through grade school and high school with me. The origin of his name is nebulous,

some saying it was given to him by his older brother, John. His sister, Catherine, thought one of the Giffin boys next door called him "Gogs" because he was unable to say Francis. Anyway, he carried the name into manhood among his friends. At home, he was always Francis.

"Misery" McGill got his name from his brother Bill, who was a cynic the day he was born. I always thought the nickname better fitted Bill. The McGills were very poor and led a life of poverty even for Superior. My mother was their personal Salvation Army, seeing to it that all the kids were properly fed and clothed. In 1983, at a highschool reunion, "Misery" told me he con-

sidered my mother to be a Mother Theresa to the McGills. Nice to hear.

"Suddendead" McCormack was a butcher in a market over on Belknap. I remember him for his expansive stomach, covered by a white apron, spattered with blood.

Red-hair and florid features told of his hard drinking ways. The name came from the quality of the whiskey he nipped all day

long. Moonshine could be pretty good if it was properly aged in charcoal-lined kegs, hanging in a tree to slosh in the wind. About thirty days was the usual aging time those days. Bill's booze was called "Douglas County Bourbon, made tomorrow and aged on the

way into town." Some said that Bill would drink from "Canned Heat," a sort of burner, fueled by denatured alcohol. I don't believe that. Bill was too discriminating.

My dad, Coleman Lee, was a Locomotive Engineer on the Great Northern Railroad, Mesabi Division. His nickname was "Hop" a borrowing from a Chinese laundry man, in Kelly Lake, Minnesota. My dad washed his overalls there at the round house and hung them out to dry on a barb-wire fence. Railroad men like to nickname fellow workers. My brother, Eugene, inherited the name and is so known in Superior and Oakland, California.

"Puppy" DePugh got his name because as a child and into his teens he resembled his own dog. His real name was Algernon.

"A rose by any other name....."

The Laugh Clinic

Joseph Patrick Lee

Letters to the Editor

Opinions voiced on both sides of smoking issue

To the Editor,

The President's Council has been wrestling will the highly emotional and politically controversial issue of smoking on campus since approximately 1987. An examination of the minutes of their meetings reveals that the intelligent attempts have been made to solve this rather convoluted problem.

By eliminating smoking from the general access-ways of all buildings, the cause of health will be served regardless of the position of the general ban. I am a smoker, and I fully support the right of my fellow students to breathe clean air. The task of accommodating smoking staff, faculty, and students alike, however, is much more difficult and doesn't lend itself to any simple, immediate answers. For the record, I strongly resent being singled out for what is effectively punitive action because I smoke.

The voters of Oregon enacted into law what they felt was a fair smoking policy statewide. I voted for the law, but a law makes no determination between what is just or unjust, or what is right or wrong, a law must be interpreted by people. The Oregon legislature provides independent governing bodies -- like the President's Council -- with the right to interpret statutes within their individual governorships.

While I applaud the intent to provide a healthier environment for all, I am critical of the general ban against smoking. Most importantly, I revile the implication of a permanent ban campus-wide. If the President's Council upholds the ban -- albeit for a greater good -- it will be guilty of usurping the civil liberties of a admittedly small group for a decision of convince. It will also send a shameful, and obscenely unjust message to the taxpayers of Clackamas County and the citizenry of Oregon that is

unworthy of an institution of higher education.

Randall W. Hodgins
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To the Editor,

I am continually amazed at the arrogance and militancy of people who are hooked on the tobacco drug, and their belief that they have a constitutional right to indulge themselves as they please. They miss the point entirely. The public has a greater right, and that is to breathe air uncontaminated by the poisons of cigarette smoke. Some people become violently ill if they are forced to remain for long in a room where someone is smoking. Especially amusing was the claim by one pro-smoking demonstrator who argued that being outdoors in to the fresh air to smoke was hazardous to her health. What beautiful irony!

CCC is a public institution. Why should the already overburdened public be saddled with the expense of providing for some-

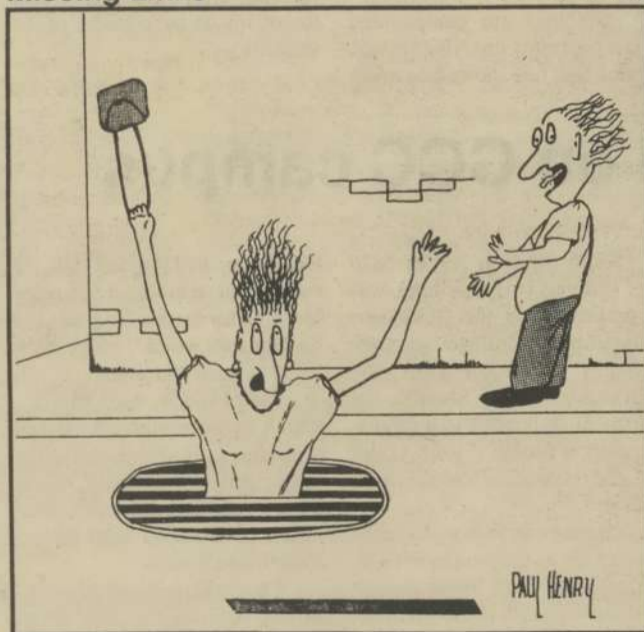
one's bad habit? Why should we pay for special smoking rooms, or heavy duty and unnecessary air conditioning? I am also disgruntled over paying for health-care for the poor who are ill because of cigarette caused diseases. also, the public must pay for increased costs of products created by workers' illnesses caused or aggravated by smoking. There are many other ways the public pays and pays for drug indulgence.

There are a multitude of covered areas where one can smoke on campus. Smokers should wear more clothing if it is too cold; or, better yet, go home to study and stink up and pollute their own space. I am sorry there young people who are so agitated over the fresh air rule at CC do not have loftier ideals to consume their vigor, vitality and creativity. Maybe they could form a union, tax themselves to create their own college: "Smoker's U". What an excellent idea!

Elizabeth Justus
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Missing Links

by Paul Henry



Major cause of death among anorexics

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