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Events at Clackamas deserve community support

With the levy passed, the students at Clackamas Community College realize the community's effort to maintain the college. That covers the financial support, but what about the moral support?

Granted, for a tax-payer to vote in a levy that increases property tax, even marginally, is a commendable act and deserves a standing ovation, but the passed levy : indicates the community's interest in its investment. The college belongs to the community. All members of the community should take advantage of the institution and actively participate in events on campus

Time hinders attendance for most people to functions on campus because a majority of the community work. However, many events take place at reasonable times, usually after the traditional working hours. For example, the sculpture exhibit currently displayed all over campus can be viewed at anytime that a person wants to drive through the school.

Events, such as the exhibit, bring the cultural atmosphere from the metro area into the backyards of prospective patrons. Many of the functions are student oriented which show the progress of the students in their artistic and scholastic endeavors. The exhibition, such as a play from the drama department, reflects the talent and dedication to the arts that this community is capable of producing.

Not only does the college exhibit the arts, the college athletic department opens the gym to the public at least one night a week, and encourages the community to participate in intramural sports organized on campus. Again, time may be a problem, but an investigation into the programs may prove beneficial to the members of the community concerned with staying fit.

Other areas of interest for community members may be night courses which cover many different fields of study.

Also, students should look into the variety of clubs and student activities provided by ASG. Despite popular opinion, students are members of the community

Although this editorial sounds like a promotional slogan for Clackamas Community College Registrar, the invitation to

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visit and participate in events and functions on this campus is genuinely offered. This college is based around community involvement and as much involvement as feasible is appreciated. Remember, this college is not just for daytime students.

Reader told to Throw it away

During my recent trip to the ELC recycling center, I was amazed to find many materials were not taken to be recycled. Polystyrene, or Styrofoam, plastic bags, and plastic oil containers are such a big enviromental issue why are they neglected to be recycled? I was told throw them away. This seems to be irresponsible of a system designed soley for the reduction of such polluntants. If anyone would like to reply to thisshortcoming in the bureaucracy please do so in the next issue of this paper. I can not understand why the drive to recycle harmful materials is so vocal and carried out by the appropriate agencies in equal intensity.

Gordon James Spath

CCC interested, just not aware of intramural events

The recent lack of interest in the intramural program at Clackamas Community College has high lightened a growing problem within Clackamas students. Awareness!

One team has signed up for the intramural softball tournament. This, compared to 64 teams at Western Oregon State College. Granted, Western is a four year schools, with dorms, and bigger, but 64-1, what's the problem here?

It could be that people don't care, don't have the time, or just don't want to play softball. Often, people have to work and go to classes, but playing softball, a very fun game, one hour on Tuesday and Thursday wouldn't really seem to be a problem in a schedule, if someone really wanted to play! Granted, some may hate softball; some may hate any sports, but it's likely that the vast majority at least enjoy playing softball.

The problem here is none of the above! The main problem of intramural activities at Clackamas Community College is that a lot of students are not aware that anything is going on! How can students be interested, or sign up for something that they know nothing about?

A student, who is on a team, informed me that he didn't know about intramurals

until he got on our staff, and joined our a lot of time in Randall Hall. team. This student has been at CCC all year, and he hasn't heard of any intramurals? We do our best at The Print to cover Clackamas intramurals, but there's only so much we can write about stuff that's not happening. As it is, the only way you hear about intramurals is by reading it in The Print, in the Today bulletin, or by spending

Intramurals aren't just for athletes or jocks. This activity is open to the entire college, from groups like the Writers Club, to Phi Theta Kappa. The problem is that a lot of theses people probably don't even know about intramurals! That's why much better effort needs to be made to reach more of the student body. Posters need to

smother the campus, and sign up sheets should accompany them. A better job needs to be done as far as scheduling the teams, and running the tournaments, but the biggest challenge for the Clackamas Intramural Director Kathie Woods is to get more than one team. Once students become aware of what's going on, interest will grow. But for now, the score is WOSC 64-CCC 1.





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