

Comments From The Top
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Scapegoats on the loose

For the past month, under new top management, ASG has been incredibly busy bringing the campus the blood drive, Spring Fling, and Clubs Awards Banquet. This term's ASG administration has been impressive in their productivity toward the betterment of this campus.

This week's over-devoted award goes to ASG senator Barbara Wendling, who, with splints on both hands, hand-wrote every single award presented to all the clubs' member on this campus. Incredible.

However, all is not rosy. There is a campaign in progress for next year's ASG executive positions. Last Wednesday, a public debate was held between all four candidates: Tony Franklin, candidate for president; Ken Ingram, incumbent candidate for president; and Andreas Luehring and Jim Olsen, both opposing candidates for vice president.

One candidate was asked by an audience member during a question and answer period why the majority of the students don't learn about ASG events. Given, it seems like a simple-enough question, but the question had teeth and it bit hard enough to promote a squeal. It was answered, in short, that it was The Print's undeniable fault for not informing the public about ASG events.

This response is not as surprising to CCC journalists as one might expect. If the ASG is that dependant upon student journalists, I ask them why don't they put together their own ASG weekly newsletter; this way, they can be their own PR people and we won't have to educate them about journalism.

Possibly next year, the student government can work out a business deal to put The Print on retainer as their own PR people.

This is a problem not so specialized; the press has always been the nemesis of the government, whether at Clackamas or in D.C., and we'd like to keep it that way. It's kind of an unwritten law practiced willingly for generations.

By refusing to become the doting student-PR firm that most young-governmental members think they deserve, but still keeping in touch, we are able to cover ASG in a way that's fair and honest to the student body--who, by the way, in case anybody around here forgot, is who both student organizations really work for.

Another item mentioned in the forum, by the same candidate is that he has "currently been talking with next year's Editor-in-Chief of The Print, and that ASG and the paper will be working "much more closely next year." It's so interesting because the newspaper hasn't even received any applications for next year's editor, let alone appoint one.

Politicians sometimes do embarrassing things and it's our jobs as journalists to let the public know that it's happened. We don't put their foot in their mouths, we just tell the public about it.

Our staff realizes that this is an educational function and we're confident of our abilities as student journalists. Therefore we don't need scapegoats to lay our responsibilities on.

Reorganization at CCC a step into the future

Yes, major decisions are facing President Keyser with the upcoming retirement of Dean of Students Jim Roberts like should a new dean of students be hired or should the position be eliminated?

Hiring a new dean of students would delay confronting some perceived internal problems in the counseling, advising, and career/placement area that some suggest need addressing. This issue is discussed in the Les Adkins Report which was compiled at the request of the Dean of Student Services during the winter term of 1988. The report makes numerous recommendations regarding the counseling, advising, and career/placement departments and recommends combining the previously mentioned areas.

Not hiring a new dean of students would free up money for other programs. For example, the nursing program currently has twice as many applicants as it has space for. The solution would be to hire addi-

tional staff members but there aren't enough funds available for that at this time.

Reorganization and integration would be in line with modern trends toward streamlined, more efficient administration. For example, Tektronix is one of many compa-

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nies that recently restructured their administrations and eliminated numerous administrators. A more streamlined administration is also dictated by fiscal restraints and ever-increasing public agency demands for limited resources (tax dollars).

Since the college opened, it has grown in many areas and the administration has

also grown. Upon entering the 1990s, the role of the college is still changing to meet the ever-changing needs of students, businesses, industries, technology, and the community as a whole. Along with these changes are dual pressures for restraining expenditures and increasing public accountability. These needs can be met in two ways; either cut programs or indoctrinate a streamlined more efficient administration.

There are those who say that not hiring a new dean of students would limit the checks and balances at the executive management level, that to much decision-making power would be granted to too few people. However, executive decisions still have to be approved by the President's Council and then by the Board of Directors.

Administrative reorganization and intergration is the trend of the 1990's. Do we at CCC want to go with the future, or stay in the past?

Dean necessary to address student problems

When students have a problem with this institution, who do they ask to help them? The Dean of Students, maybe?

With the position of dean of students vacated due to Jim Roberts' retirement, the post is subject to deletion, like a computer program. Of course, with a computer program deletion, the remaining programs are not sent into a wild and anarchical frenzy.

Lee Fawcett "working with the President's Council to manage the change" through the switch or reorganization will still cause unwarranted confusion. The delegating of the dean of students' responsibilities among the remaining administrative departments will spread the waning power of the students thin, so thin that the bureaucracy will smother the central voices of any transparent individual making that student invisible.

Assistant deans, hired for specific tasks, maybe not student related, may find their job descriptions including an added lunch appointment with a sniveling student re-

istrative ideas are still ideas that will cost the students while the experiments are in opening stages. Although the dean of students' position will be eliminated along with the salary, the students will have to wade through bureaucracy to achieve their goals. This may take years, costing the students time.

With the central figure and liaison with the president eradicated, the push, no longer by that one individual, will fall short of accomplishments and require more of the President's Council time. Again, this is nothing but time spent with unsatisfactory results.

This institution needs a central position occupied by a person that a student can feel comfortable addressing problems or praise to. Without the dean of students, who does a student turn to for help?

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questing money for a student retreat. How does a person unfamiliar with student government and activities respond to a request like that? This is not to say that our Assistant deans are incompetent, just that their job description does not involve dealing with individual students.

As archaic as the present system seems, the new integration of progressive admin-

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