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Views expressed on Gulf Crisis

Reality of war hits home



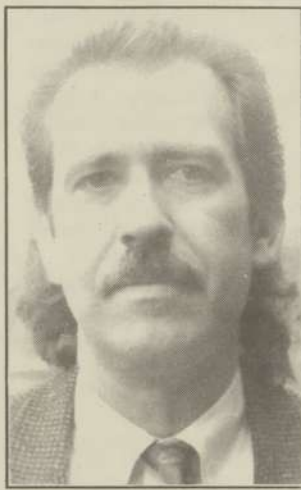
Ginny Cowan, Student

"Yes, (it affects me) I have no direct family there, but I've got family that could go. Emotionally, it's devastating. What scares me is that it might be another Vietnam. It's silly to say we are fighting for oil and I hope we're fighting for man's rights and freedom. If we have to fight let's do it and get it over with, no holds barred. I hope we treat these young people better than we treated the Viet Nam vets."



Bill Guthrie, Student

"I think it is going to directly affect all of us, and that will depend on the severity of the situation. I'm afraid the whole Middle East is going to go up in flames in which case, we will be facing gas rationing, food shortages and terrorism. I think that the causes of the war go way back, and I think it has to do with a bad energy policy. I hate to see a lot of people lose their lives defending the oil companies."



Lonnie Cline, Instructor

"I think that probably the Persian Gulf affects all of us in one way or another. Peoples lives are at stake whether it's people we know, or people we don't; whether it's Americans or Kuwaitis. It is very possible that if something doesn't happen now, more people's lives will be at stake in the future then they are presently."

Photos by Nolan Kidwell

In regard to the tense situation in the Persian Gulf, students and staff at Clackamas hold a variety of views. The Clackamas Print has asked several people about those thoughts and feelings; those comments are included on pages 4 - 5.

Also included are several stories concerning the Gulf Crisis, and excerpts from letters from an American soldier stationed there.

A celebration for civil rights

Events slated for MLK Day

by Angela Wilson
Editor-in-Chief

A celebration is planned for the observation of civil rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday on Monday, Jan. 21.

According to ASG Vice President Andreas Luehring, one of the event coordinators, the celebration's primary purpose is to educate students, faculty and the community about human rights and get them to become more self aware about equality.

"Martin Luther King Day is a peoples' day. . . It recognizes people for people."

- Andreas Luehring

"We have to start locally to acknowledge human rights," Luehring said. "If we can do that then we can move towards world equality."

"Martin Luther King stands for civil rights and human dignity," Luehring said.

"We should have everyday a Martin Luther King day to make us aware of equality and equal rights."

Although King's birthday is an observed holiday, the school is open and according Luehring it's better that way.

"It is much better this way than getting a day off," Luehring said. "With a day off people might not get the awareness of the holiday, and all they know is that they have a free day."

"This way there is a greater

opportunity to get people aware and to educate them about not just Martin Luther King, but about equal rights," Luehring said.

"There is still a need to work against segregation and to educate," Luehring continued. "Only through education can we overcome ignorance."

For the remainder of this week a series of film strips titled "Eyes on the Prize" will be shown at noon in the Community Center Fireside Lounge. According to Luehring, the video series is about the civil rights movement in America.

On Monday, Jan. 21, the celebration will begin at 8 a.m. in the Community Center Fireside Lounge with the showing of the movie "Glory" followed by the showing of King's famous "I Have a Dream" speech at 11:30 a.m. At noon Dr. Darrell Millner from PSU will give a speech titled "Martin Luther King, Jr.: The Dream or Nightmare of Black America in the 1990's." There will refreshments available at reception following Millner's speech at 1 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge.

Then the movie "Glory" will be shown again at 2 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge followed by the showing of the "I Have a Dream" speech at 6 p.m.

The celebration is being sponsored by ASG, Phi Theta Kappa and the Social Science department. Luehring encourages everyone to get involved.

"Martin Luther King Day is a peoples' day," Luehring said. "It recognizes people for people."

Bad weather, harsh commute raise questions about closure policy

by Jennifer Lessard
Staff Writer

Freezing rain late last Sunday and early last Monday caused many students and faculty great unrest in their commute to early morning classes Monday.

Many public and private schools opened late or not at all. Clackamas was not one of those schools, and many students wondered why.

Normally on questionable days, James T. Broulette, chairman of public safety on campus, contacts the state police, county police and weather bureau to find out road conditions in the entire Portland area and throughout district. He then calls Lyle Reese, dean of instruction, with a recommendation to close entirely, remain open or open late.

Reese said he usually acts on their recommendation and calls Multnomah County Educational Service District (ESD) with his decision. The ESD then calls a computer service which then contacts radio and television stations. This occurs before 5 a.m.

"People have to know early,"

said Reese. "We have both students and staff members that have to travel long distances."

His policy is that "unless extreme conditions arise we don't close when only instructors are here."

"Generally when students are in attendance we have much more concern than when they aren't," said Reese. "Certainly if the conditions are so unsafe and the state police recommends people to stay off the highways, we will close."

"Somebody has to decide. Even a person who decides right most of the time sometimes can be wrong some of the time," said Reese.

According to Reese, he did not receive a call at all to recommend any closure Monday morning. He was not intending to have Clackamas open late.

Reese recognizes a factor affecting individuals is if they have small children and the elementary school opens late. "Sometimes it is hard for staff and students to get to school on time," Reese said. "Most faculty members are understanding."

According to Reese, "If students or staff feel it is too dangerous to venture out then I don't want them to. They have to decide what is best for them."

There have been no shut downs or late openings this school year. The last time weather interfered with classes was on Feb. 12, 1989.

Reese expresses concern about the month of February. He said that 80 percent of all school closures over the last six years took place during February.

"February is absolutely the worst month we have to contend with. If we have a bad February again we could lose a considerable amount of the winter term," said Reese.

There is no state law about how many hours students have to spend in classes, according to Reese. However, Reese expressed some concern that too much time can't be lost to snow days. Students still have to contend with the state schools that hardly ever shut down. Reese said with a three credit class, they try to keep well above an average of 27 hours of instruction.



Photo by Lane Scheideman

The spectacular delight of snow fall was captured here over the Christmas Vacation. The winter season is bound to bring more snow; closure information can be heard on most local radio and TV broadcasts or call 657-6958 for an automated recording.