

## News Briefs

### Attention transfer students

Nineteen colleges will be participating in this year's "transfer day" scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 30, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Community Center mall. Come and ask your transfer questions and get the answers that will help make your college transfer a success. For more information, or a list of participating colleges, stop by the counseling department or call 657-6958 extension 556 or 266.

### Civil rights celebrated

Events honoring Martin Luther King Jr. and the civil rights movement will be taking place now through Monday, Jan. 21 in the Community Center Fireside Lounge. For events and times check in the Today Bulletin.

### Death Valley presentation

John Snively of the Science Department will be giving a slide presentation of Death Valley on Thursday, Jan. 17, at 12:30 p.m. in Pauling 101. Everyone is invited to witness the lowest, hottest, driest and one of the most beautiful places in America.

### Nursing Association meeting

The National Student Nurses' Association will be holding a meeting this Thursday, Jan. 17 at 7:30 a.m. in the Barlow Nursing office. For further information check the Today Bulletin or call Vernie at extension 275.

### Going into business?

A workshop covering the steps necessary in opening your own business will be held Jan. 17 and 24. Topics to be covered include: licensing, permits, tax requirements, hiring, developing a business plan and identifying your market. For further information contact the Small Business Development Center at 656-4447.

### Book refund deadline

Friday, Jan. 18 is the deadline for full refunds on books purchased from the Bookstore for winter term. A valid receipt for the purchased book must be presented in order to obtain a refund.

### Basketball anyone?

It's time for intramural basketball and the deadline for signing your team up is this Friday, Jan. 18. Sign up rosters are available on the intramural bulletin board located on the lower level of Randall Hall.

### Pre-Nursing testing

SCAT testing for pre-Nursing students will be scheduled as follows: Tuesday, Feb. 19 from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, Feb. 20 from 2 to 3 p.m., and Thursday, Feb. 21 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. To make an appointment to take the test call the testing office at extension 269.

### Girls' hitting clinic set

A softball hitting clinic for girls ages 13-18 is scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 26 from Noon to 6 p.m. in Randall Gym. For registration information call the Community Recreation office at 657-6958, extension 211.

### Children/Teen Book Drive

Phi Theta Kappa is having a Children/Teen Book Drive through Feb. 28. Books may be donated in drop boxes located at the library or by the Student Activities office located in the Community Center. Tax deductible receipts for books donated are available by contacting Dave Arter at extension 210.

### Child care has openings

A few openings are now available for on campus child care at the Camp Fire Child Care Center. For further information call Judy at 657-6683.

### Health Insurance offered

Low cost student health insurance is available. For details pick up a brochure at the Student Activities window.

### Library open Saturdays

For your studying convenience the Library will be open Saturdays this term from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. However no reference staff will be available at that time.

## King's birthday should be celebration, not just free day

The United States of America, on Jan. 21, will be celebrating Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday. No two states, communities, or people will be celebrating in the same way.

Some will have celebrations within their churches, most will celebrate by taking the day off work or school, while others spend the day informing the population of King's accomplishments and wishes for all people everywhere.

Here at Clackamas Community College we will be observing it while going to school. To some students, this is not fair because it is an observed holiday and many other people have the day off. Other students feel that King was so influential that he deserves a day for people to observe his accomplishments and think about the civil rights issue, which King devoted his life towards.

If you are one of the people

out there who wants to have the day off from school to further your understanding about King and the equal rights issue, more power to you and there is nothing wrong with that.

If you are one of the people who wants to be able to sleep in all day, watch "Classic Concentration" with Alex Trebek, go to McDonalds for lunch and get home in time to watch the Disney Afternoon on Channel 12, all I can say is don't be late to your first class on January 21.

True, it would be nice to take a day off from school or work, but unless we actually did something to commemorate King, it would be a wasted day.

Another argument against having a Martin Luther King, Jr. day is that there would be a monetary situation. All government employees would receive wages for another day of no work. This is

one of the reasons the state of Arizona did not pass the bill which would have given the state a Martin Luther King, Jr. day.

In many people's minds there are already too many paid days off work, and that this would way too much.

A tragic possibility that could occur is that this holiday will soon be viewed as just another day off and that it will be party day. Just like Memorial Day, the end-of-school-party-till-you-drop holiday or Labor Day, the end-of-summer-party-till-you-drop holiday.

There is no reason that you can't celebrate King's birthday at school or work. This is a holiday you can celebrate in your own mind.

Please attend the program ASG has planned to celebrate King's birthday, and think about what King had to say before he left us.

### Editorial sparks controversy

## Motivations of Gulf redefined

To the Editor:

It occurs to me that the prime motivations in the Gulf crisis are being overlooked.

For example the editorials in your 1-9-91 issue. The "CON" stand portrays Saddam Hussein as "a badger cornered... with a sizable enemy force at his front door." He is not cornered; he is only being "asked" to return to his own borders, and it is Kuwait's front door. The "PRO" states that withdrawing turns our troop movements into a very costly exercise.

Saddam Hussein was attempting to control the majority of the world's oil reserves and is attempting to develop a deliverable nuclear bomb.

Yet the real reasons for fight-

ing their man and his forces are both sickening and disgusting. (The following shames our species.) He marched into a neighboring nation and stripped it. His soldiers are reported to have killed anyone, even youths, who criticized their actions or were reluctant to surrender their Kuwaiti citizenship. They are reported to have shot children before their parents, blinded boys with cigarettes, sodomized people with broken bottles, dumped infants into mass graves (perhaps hundreds), impaled a woman in labor with a bayonet, tortured and killed Kuwaitis who assisted Americans in hiding, killed doctors who failed to save wounded Iraqi soldiers and raped wives.

I believe this crisis allows a post-cold war world to deal with

such evil unitedly. It allows us to establish a limit to what this civilization will tolerate.

We may be able to avoid war by demonstrating resolve, but by wavering we give heart to the cruel and evil.

Will Greenleaf

## Suggested location for game room: Baghdad

To the Editor:

The purpose of this letter is to voice support for moving the game room from its present location. Over the past 15 years I have seen a small but persistent number of my students become so attracted to the game room that they've had difficulty tearing themselves away from the pool tables

at the end of a break or lunch period. Going back to work before a game is ended can be ever so annoying.

I think that a suitable new location for the game room would be in Baghdad, Iraq.

Ray Conklin, Instructor  
Automotive Programs

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