

News Briefs

See the stars at Clackamas

The observatory at the John Inskeep Environmental Learning Center is open to the public every clear Wednesday, Friday and Saturday night from 7:30 to 11:30. Admission is \$1.50 per person.

Run off volunteers needed

On Sunday, June 28, 7,500 runners will pour through the streets of downtown Portland for the 15th annual Cascade Run Off. Assistance is needed race weekend to register athletes, serve water, hang banners, monitor the course, assist at the finish line and help with the Kids' Cascade. Those interested can call the volunteer hotline at 226-1441.

New President elected

The new ASG Presidential position for the 1992-93 school year has been filled by Amy Gaskell.

Garden plots available

Individual garden plots will be available at CCC starting May 9. Gardens will be open through November, weather permitting. The plots are located west of the John Inskeep Environmental Learning Center. The college will prepare the land, assign the gardens and water them twice a week. Registering for a garden implies a commitment to care for it. Anyone interested can call the Community Recreation Office at ext. 2211.

Win prizes in coloring contest

The Theatre Arts Department is sponsoring a coloring contest. Color Shakespeare and win prizes. Pictures can be picked up in the bookstore. The deadline is May 18.

Last in poetry series

Marvin Bell, a professor at the University of Iowa, will be at CCC tomorrow evening to share poetry from his seven books. Those interested can find him in the McLoughlin Hall Theatre from 7-8:30 p.m.

Family night movie

The Jungle Book, one of Disney's most popular films, will be shown on Friday, May 15 at 7 p.m. in the CC Mall. Children under 6 will be admitted free; children 6 to 12, \$1 and adults, \$1.50.

Attention Graduates

Caps and gowns will be available in the Small Dining Room in the Community Center beginning June 1. Hours for issue are Monday and Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Wednesday and Thursday from 12 to 6 p.m.

Graduation Petitions needed

Students who are graduating this term have until Friday, May 15 to submit their petitions.

Students maintain 3.25 GPA

Honors program motivates students

by Heidi Branstator
Staff Writer

"The Clackamas Community College Honors Program offers the opportunity to experience an enriched academic environment and promote academic excellence among highly motivated students," said a current press release here at the college.

Students who choose to take part in the Honors Program work closely with faculty. Independent learning and the exchange of ideas are stressed to help students strengthen their abilities and interests.

There are two ways in which students may participate in Honors at CCC.

Honor Scholars Program requires students to apply to be-

come Honor Scholars. The completion of nine honors courses (27 credits) and a 3.25 GPA is required. Three of those must be Honors Curricula. The special honors designation will be included on the Honor Scholars diploma.

Individual Honors Courses are available to full or part-time students who maintain at least a 3.25 GPA. Students may enroll in individual Honors courses, but to receive credit, a minimum of a B grade must be earned.

There are three options for Honors credit in the Honors Program. **Core courses** require honors students to enroll in designated Honors courses that are part of core honors sequences in writing, humanities or social science. **Honors Contract** allows the student to enroll

in regular classes and separately arrange with the instructor to complete Honors criteria for Honor credit. **Special Topics** are special courses, outside the core, that meet Honors criteria and are designated Honors.

To be part of the Honor Scholars Program, students must complete the application for Honors Scholar and submit it to the Director of Honors, Don Hartsock. One piece of evidence of an above average ability is also required.

Along with the academic rewards of being part of the Honors Program, it also helps to increase scholarship opportunities and memberships into honor organizations.

Letter to the Editor

Can we tolerate the OCA? A reader thinks not

This is a sensitive issue, so I will need to exercise some tact. But at the same time, I will need to get to the point.

But first, I will need to say that if I offend anyone with this, I will apologize right now before I say anything.

I do not support homosexuality because, simply stated, it is against God's Word. I will cite Romans 1:24-27 out of the Living Bible version:

(24) So God let them go ahead into every sort of sex sin, and do whatever they wanted to—yes, vile and sinful things with each other's bodies.

(26) That is why God let go of them and let them do all these evil things, so that even their women turned against God's natural plan for them and indulged in sex sin with each other. (27) And the men, instead of having a normal sex relationship with women, burned with

lust for each other, men doing shameful things with other men and, as a result, getting paid within their own souls with the penalty they so richly deserved.

(If I had taken adjoining verses, our current lack of moral standards can be explained.)

The message of these verses explained one reason for the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah, but in the sense of the here and now, is translatable to why homosexuality runs rampant (more or less) in today's society. That was not what God wanted, but do you think he was one to stand in their way?

For the purpose of clarity, I only disapprove of homosexuals' actions. I will not say anything with a negative connotation to people that do acts like that, as that is not my nature. I will not stand in their way. I will only say that that is not what I believe in.

Take a look at the last few words of the group of verses I cited earlier, "getting paid within their souls with the penalty they... deserved." That is why AIDS is here. God has allowed AIDS to flourish because of these sex sins. God did not create it, however. And unfortunately, AIDS has claimed innocent victims, such as Ryan White (who got the disease from a contaminated blood transfusion).

To reiterate, I do not support homosexuality. But if people are going to do it, then I will not stand in their way. In fact, that is a very small problem in comparison with many others. For example, the Oregon Citizens' Alliance.

I thoroughly and wholeheartedly despise and loathe the Oregon Citizens' Alliance because they use unethical tactics. Case in point: the 1988 elections. Do you remember then-Governor Neil Goldschmidt's executive order prohibiting discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation? The OCA didn't like that. So they put together a petition drive that exceeded its expectations, put it on the ballot, and it passed by 55,400 votes. That, Ballot Measure 8, rescinded the order. But how did they do that? Plain-as-day scare tactics. The television advertisements they used included (as Rob had mentioned in an earlier edition of the *Print*) a

foster child being placed with gay men as foster parents, asking "But where's my mother?" I really wonder whose code of ethics they used? Certainly not mine.

I also just outright hate the OCA's guts for its hypocrisy. For example, Joe Lutz. He was the OCA's first chair. He was happily married (or so we thought) with 3 kids. And he was chair of the most powerful PAC in Oregon. He left it all behind just to have an ex-tram-arital affair with a married woman in California. Tell me if I'm wrong, but doesn't one of the Ten Commandments say, "Thou shalt not commit adultery?" So what the heck did Joe just do?

The OCA's stands on some issues tells me that it seems they want to manipulate 2.8 million people by not giving them the whole picture. This is the "Human Whirlwind" method of manipulation. They opposed parental leave, saying it was not in the best interests of business. Say what? I was sure business supported it because the workers didn't have to leave their kids with sitters. And on state-supported pre-kindergarten programming, the OCA's excuse? "Not in the best interests of families." About the only people that would not support it was the OCA. I do not think there is much Christian in the Christian Right. In fact, they are the proverbial "wolves in sheep's clothing."

I was raised by a family with strong moral standards that go all the way back to when the family was in England, so I especially believe that the OCA is going to create political chaos. The OCA is the master of hypocrisy, so far as Oregon is concerned.

We are living in a time of true social change, and all the OCA wants to do is ruin the true progress of mankind. In the last 40 years or so, we have seen, experienced, and witnessed a change in how we see our fellow citizens. We will not change the course now. I can even tolerate homosexuality, as opposed to tolerating the OCA.

If I have offended anyone, I wish to apologize (except for the OCA).

Thank you for understanding with an open mind.

Sincerely, your colleague, Eric St. Anthony's.

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