

## News Clips

The CCC President's Council is sponsoring a Best Idea Contest for students, faculty, and staff. The best ideas for reducing expenditures or increasing revenues will be chosen and a \$250 cash award will be presented. The three best ideas and the craziest or funniest idea will win cash. Awards will go to the groups or individuals who submit ideas in writing no later than Fri., Oct. 30 to the Student Activities Office.

The next Clackamas Community College Family Night Movie, sponsored by ASG, will happen on Nov. 6 at 4 and 7 p.m. in the Gregory Forum. The Disney classic "101 Dalmatians" will be the feature presentation. The October Family Night Movie, "Beauty and the Beast," attracted more than 150 people. For more information on the November movie, contact Student Activities at ext. 2245, or ASG Promotion Coordinator Michael Halligan at ext. 2598.

If students have complaints, gripes or suggestions that they would like to have heard, they can contact any ASG Officer or Senator. Those students with suggestions or complaints need to submit those ideas in writing so ASG knows exactly what the problem is.

Three local authors will be reading from their novels at Authors' Night, Oct. 28 at 7 p.m. in the Gregory Forum. The CCC Friends of the Library and the CCC English Department are co-sponsoring this quarterly event. The authors participating are David Duncan, Robin Cody and CCC English Instructor Craig Lesley. A \$2 donation will be accepted at the door.

Chris Chandler, a political satirist/comedian, will be performing Monday, Nov. 2 from 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. in the CC Mall. Come out and join in the fun with this talented individual, sponsored by the Associated Student Government.

Campus trial packs are currently in at the bookstore. Students may pick up theirs just by showing their student I.D. cards and signing the sheet. Get your free samples today!

Writers' Club meets on campus every Wednesday at 2 p.m. in Barlow 139. Weekly off-campus meetings are held on Fridays at the Sub Shop on Main Street in Oregon City from 5:15 to 6:30 p.m.

The Able Disabled Club will meet on Thursday, Oct. 29 at 11 a.m. in CC-126. This is the first meeting this year and they will be planning their yearly activities.

ASG meetings are held every Monday from 3-5 p.m. in CC-126 and are open to all students. Students are welcome to come and express their opinions.

Oregon State University will have a representative on campus TODAY, Oct. 26 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the CC Mall.

Please, remember to vote on Tues., Nov. 3. If it is change that you want to see in your government, the only way to facilitate that change is to vote!

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## Trojan represents a safety hazard

by Tracey Roozenboom  
Staff Writer

Closing Trojan is not an easy decision to make therefore, I had to take a look at these questions: how safe is Trojan, what kind of financial burden would it impose and where can we get alternate power once Trojan is closed? The answers that I came up with may surprise you.

When it comes to safety, according to Jerry Wilson's article in last Friday's Oregonian, "Trojan had the worst safety record in the United States last year."

Trojan is on an earthquake zone which makes it particularly vulnerable if an earthquake were to hit Portland. Sure, we don't expect earthquakes here, yet geologists seem to think we're due for one. Look what happened when the earth's plates shifted and Mt. St. Helens blew up.

Failing generators caused Trojan to close in 1991-92. Does this sound like the kind of plant we can rely on for energy? "During its 16 year life, Trojan has been fined repeatedly by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission for safety violations," states Christeen O'Shea, administrative director, Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon. So why does Trojan keep running? Probably so Portland General Electric doesn't have to worry about the cost of closing it.

Which brings me to my next

point, the financial implications of a shut down. For starters, it would be more economical to close Trojan down now then wait until 1996 (the year PGE says they will phase out Trojan) mainly because there would be less nuclear waste to dispose of and decommissioning the plant wouldn't be as expensive.

The bad thing about Measures 5 and 6 is that taxpayers

why not close Trojan down now and cut our costs by opting for a different power source?

The Bonneville Power Administration met the energy needs of Trojan customers with hydropower in 1991-92 and even cut the cost by 30 per cent. Some may argue that droughts and the protection of salmon runs have put too many restrictions on hydro-power but according to Wilson,

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cannot win because Oregon's Attorney General did a study that would enable Trojan's owners compensation costs in the millions of dollars if Trojan closes.

If Trojan remains open, the outlook is bleaker still, as cited by Kellie M. Peterson of the Oregonian on Oct. 23. "According to a recent report to its stockholders, PGE intends to pass on to ratepayers the investment in Trojan of \$350 million. In addition, by operating Trojan until 1996, PGE will charge ratepayers up to \$700 million. That totals more than \$1 billion." Taxpayers will get socked with the bill either way they vote, so

"Bonneville Power Administration determined that conservation alone would fill most new Northwest power demands for the next 20 years without building any new plants." That's pretty incredible if you stop to think about how much electricity is wasted everyday.

In my opinion, PGE continues to operate to support its own pocket book and not the peoples. So why should taxpayers stay on board this sinking ship? If Measures 5 and 6 don't pass and Trojan is allowed to stay open, how much longer will it take for something else to go wrong? Remember Chernobyl when you vote on Nov. 3.

## Letters to the Editor

### To the Editor:

I would like you to acknowledge the fact that there will be thousands of Oregonians voting yes on Measure 9 and that to label them as "hatemongers, bigots and Nazisitic," as many have tried to do, is absurd! First of all, let's be reasonable about this.

Passage of this measure will bring other legal challenges as the OCA recognizes. Civil rights will be upheld by the Constitution and other laws now constituted. Those who wish to paint a picture of a "witch hunt" or another Holocaust on the gay/lesbian community or a total governmental censorship of literature are unrealistic and irrational. Voting yes on Measure 9 will not remove any future rights to correct a problem should Measure 9 (or any other measure, for that matter) prove to be unjust, unworkable, unconstitutional or unanything! Now let me give you a few other ideas on why I support this measure without being hate-motivated.

I see Measure 9 as an opportunity to exercise my right to control some of my tax dollars. I do not support governmental promotion of homosexuality or any other sexual orientation. As a citizen and parent, I wish to preserve that right and responsibility. I see it as a citizen and parental stewardship.

I have heard the cry of censorship. Parental and community censorship of books, magazines, so-called "art," school texts, and library books have been a freedom exercised for hundreds of years. I object to the idea of exposing my children to lifestyles without my knowledge or approval. Certainly, everything ever produced or written is not worthy of exposure to students, especially at young ages. It

is not cost-effective for taxpayers to buy and curriculate everything; we must be selective. I do not want "gay" publications on the shelf of my children's school. THIS IS NOT HATE-MOTIVATED. I want to maintain some control and responsibility.

Arguments can be made concerning perverse sexual behavior of homo-sexuals. One hundred percent of the animals on earth use "sex" for specie preservation. Homosexual activity does not fulfill this role in life, period, unless you believe the *Enquirer*, *Globe*, *Star*, and other tabloids of this nature. (NOTE: These are not found in our schools and libraries, either.)

There seems to be evidence of social influence whether it be from abuse, peer pressure, TV, pornography, religion, family, school, etc., on each of our individual lives. These environmental concerns influence us to become who we are. There are students in our schools who could be persuaded one way or another sexually. I don't want schools and government picking up this role also.

Other reasons I support Measure 9 are future possibilities of minority status for homosexuals. Jobs are taken from some not because of quotas on race, sex, and handicaps. Let's not add homosexuality to the list. Health risks, skyrocketing medical costs, parental custodianship, and adoptions by homosexuals also lend to future concerns.

Hate and bigotry, NO! Responsibility to vote my conscience, freedoms, wishes, personal rights, use of tax dollars, and parental censorship, all of these are reasons I choose to vote YES on Measure 9.

Rick Newton  
CCC Student

### To the Editor and students:

I was very sorry to hear the stance our faculty and Board of Education took on the measure nine issue, (one of an opposed view). It seems one of the main concerns of the Board was that of being able to teach homosexuality as normal behavior. I would like to comment that up until recently homosexuality was not even considered as a viable behavior. Some people may call this new consideration "progress" but wrongly so! Progress means advancement to a higher more developed stage, rather than one that is unnatural and perverse.

How far will we go? It's a choice, not a natural practice; check any anatomy book to find out! Some may have a problem with their sexuality. . . they should get help. Homosexuality is not normal and should not be taught as if it were!

I challenge all people to find out the facts before they make a decision that could cost Oregon and her people the truth! Set a standard, vote yes on Measure 9.

Jodi Kay Stanley  
CCC Student

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