

College deals with problem every day CCC parking issue has received short and long-term solutions

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One of the many problems that arise at Clackamas Community College every year always has to do with parking. The lack of parking and the inconvenience of parking.

According to Dean of College Services Gary Durrin, the whole parking issue is one that the college has to deal with every day.

"Parking is something that all of us have to deal with; unfortunately, I have to hear the comments from everyone and try to make everyone happy," Durrin commented. "The college is working on short-term and long-term solutions to this very problem."

With three new buildings on campus this year, parking is at more of a premium this year than in years past. Enrollment has increased and those students who drive are having an increasing difficult time in finding parking places reasonably close to where they want to go.

The college would like to change students' thinking as to the parking dilemma, and has come up with some short-term solutions to help make this problem a little less burdensome.

The college added some 200 more parking spaces to the Barlow-Randall lot over the past summer, but from the looks of the lot on any given day, students do not seem to take advantage of these spaces.

Students are trying to park in the temporary lot behind the McLoughlin parking area, and the overflow from the temporary lot has been spilling onto the grass adjacent to that lot.

The college does not want students parking on the grass for any reason, and would encourage those students to park behind Randall and Barlow Halls.

The majority of student complaints about this idea is that it is too far to walk to class after they park their cars in the outer reaches of the Randall-Barlow lot.

Durrin has tried to address those complaints, and is trying to work on some long-term solutions to the parking problem.

"One of the best long-term solutions that we have come up with is using the area behind Streeter Hall and the Dye Learning Center, and converting that area into 250-300 additional parking spaces," Durrin said. "We already have plans drawn up; all we have to do is get the final plans made and get ap-

proval to go ahead. Hopefully, if all works out, we can have the lot ready to accept vehicles by early September of next year."

Other short and long-term solutions include restriping Clairmont parking to add an additional 10-15 spaces; get people to park on the loop outside of Clairmont, where there are roughly 60 spaces; the removal of the trailers behind Randall Hall, and converting that space into parking; and using the space in back of Barlow to hold an additional 100-150 parking spots.

Another student complaint that has come up is the removal of the motorcycle spaces when McLoughlin parking was restriped. Durrin admits that it was a mistake and that those areas in McLoughlin parking that were motorcycle spots in the past will be restriped to include those spots once again.

Another key ingredient in the parking problem has been the role of the Department of Public Safety here at Clackamas. Jim Wiseman, the director of public safety, has been constantly working on the problem, and frankly, would love to see a final solution to this ongoing battle.

"We still have to enforce the rules and regulations as set forth by the Board of Education and the president of the college."

Wiseman stated, "But we are trying to get more voluntary compliance on the part of students as they are as much as a part of the solution as we are."

Wiseman explained that he has a personal philosophy when it comes to the students. "We can understand if students are running late to class, sometimes they park in places that they just aren't supposed to. When this happens, we warn students and try to get them to comply with the rules. We don't necessarily want to ticket students, but we will if we have to. The new parking area near Streeter Hall and the main entrance will certainly help. It's just too bad that we don't have that lot right now. We could use it."

The main thing that Durrin and Wiseman want students to remember is that the parking is there if the students are willing to be inconvenienced just a little bit. As mentioned before, there are several mostly empty parking spaces open at all hours at the back of the Randall-Barlow lot. Now if only students will take a little extra time and park there.

Letters to the Editor

Act III Theaters censor Spike Lee

Malcolm X is a vital role model for African-Americans

To the Editor and readers of the Clackamas Print:

Last month, Spike Lee visited Portland to discuss his new film, "Malcolm X," which portrays one of the most important figures in American history. Lee expressed his wish that viewers of the film would take to heart its message of "hope and unity".

Anyone who reads Alex Haley's "The Autobiography of Malcolm X" on which this film is based, will agree that Malcolm X should be seen as a vital role model for African-Americans, because he demonstrated self-reliance, and because he was able to learn that violence cannot solve the problem of racism.

Unfortunately, the Act III Theater chain seems to know little about Malcolm X. Act III will not open the film at the theaters closest to Portland's black community, apparently fearing that the film will provoke violence. Leaders of the black com-

munity are, understandably, insulted. We must not let them stand alone.

Act III's racist censorship insults us all. Healing racism will require trust, and the free exchange of ideas. How can we claim our society treats all people equally, when a powerful media outlet, owned by whites, sends the message that blacks cannot be trusted to see a movie about their own history, in their own neighborhood? Whites cannot expect to be believed if their words say "I'm not prejudiced against anybody!" but their actions proclaim that they see blacks as little better than dangerous animals.

Discrimination is illegal, but blacks still face racial prejudice from the ignorance of whites. White Americans must begin actively showing that they respect and trust African-Americans to be fully equal partners in this country's future. To face the future, we must understand our past. This is

why "Malcolm X" is so important.

I call on fellow whites in the Portland metro area to join me in showing our respect for our black neighbors. A large number of white people of conscience should inform Act III's management that we condemn their decision, and that we are prepared to get our entertainment elsewhere if Act III cannot reflect our values.

Act III is powerful, but if they receive enough letters, telephone calls, and reduced ticket sales, they will listen. It is vital that a large number of white people take part in this effort, both because blacks have far less economic power than whites, and because such a show of support and respect from whites will be a step toward healing the wounds of racism.

We must begin healing racism before it is too late.

Kevin Haines
CCC Student

Paranoid public safety perception

CCC parking nightmare mirrors urban conditions

To the Editor and readers of the Clackamas Print:

Have you been upset with parking lately? Are you one of the unfortunate few who have received a parking tag from one of the Public Safety Officers? The College is a microcosm of the urban condition. We are a reflection of the downtown problem, complete with a population explosion that was not predicted in terms of satisfying single unit transportation needs. Our parking lots are bulging and I have overheard remarks that suggest the college should expand parking spaces. There are committees that are studying this problem, but solutions that are readily apparent upon closer examination are in fact a non-solution. A traffic count shows that if we

utilized all the spaces in the Barlow lot it could accommodate most students, but for some reason "Clackamatonians" feel uncomfortable with that lot. We did measure the distance from the upper North lot and discovered that it was the same as any spot on Barlow lot in relation to the Community Center. But it is perceived to be more distant and perception at times is very real.

Perception is also haunting the Public Safety Officers and the Student Cadets who are assigned to Public Safety. They have been trained to use arrest only as a last resort. But the parking nightmare is causing them to be perceived as "enforcers." While it is true that enforcement is delegated to Public Safety, they would prefer to be

viewed as persons who can be called upon to render assistance. If statistics are any measure, the 10 thousand calls we responded to so far this year for assistance should prove to be the casual observer that we are available to help. The link between criminal justice and public safety also provides a forum for student interaction in an effort to demonstrate what community policing is all about. We are moving to strengthen these ties and to demonstrate through our day-to-day activities that the criminal justice students reflect a professional organization. Isn't that what education is all about?

Jim Brouillette
Director of Public Service

A listing of specific problems with Co-Editor

Instructor feels castigated by response to letter

To the Editor:

Mr. Hibberd, thanks for proving my point. Your intemperate and illogical response to my letter knocks down a lot of straw men, but seems to answer none of my criticisms. Apparently your skin is too thin to be an editor, or you would not be so rash. However, since you took up your bludgeon and devoted 21 column inches to castigating me, I feel compelled to respond.

First, let me say that I realize that the school paper is largely staffed with volunteers. They are working on improving their skills. As each year progresses, the paper improves. In fact, this year it started better than average. Also, even the most competent journalists will sometimes fail to catch an error, and students, with their class loads, have limited time to fill their newspaper assignments. For example, you seem to have answered my letter without having had time to understand it. Since I assume you come to a battle of wits at least half armed, your failure must be due to lack of time.

Now to specifics:

1. I did not advocate Measure 9. I did maintain that its advocates have a legitimate concern. Personally, I think the measure was badly written, and the arguments on both sides were exaggerated. The arguments against it have been particularly

specious. If Measure 9 passes we will probably find that things go on very much as they have, except that nothing about homosexuality will be taught in the public schools. If it fails we will still have to address the issue it represents, or we may find that there are serious repercussions. Note: This was written before the election although it will appear after.

2. I did not accuse you of being a homosexual or even of nazi tactics. I just stated that your editorial was so biased that it reminded me of the nazi tactics of some of the gay groups.

3. Your cartoon may imitate your life, but responsible journalists usually put on a better front.

4. You indicated that, since a teacher murdered his principal, I was wrong to claim that no Oregon educator was as hateful as you depicted. Perhaps belittling and demeaning a child is less hateful than murder, but even if it is, my point was that Measure 9 would make no difference. Do you think the passage or failure of Measure 9 would have prevented the murder?

5. Does the paper need better editing? Since my letter referred to the Oct. 14 issue, these examples are from that edition.

Picture caption. "New Sites at Clackamas." Since we have abandoned a few alternative school locations and the picture depicts no new locations, I assume you either meant New Buildings or perhaps Services Relocate.

Front page story. "This year CCC is educating about 30,000 people which entails not only the main campus but through a lot of other facilities and special networks." No comment.

And, "Class space has been finite since school resumed." When was it infinite? I assume the author meant limited.

A few examples from your editorial. "...the same people who dislike David Duke and Saddam Hussein support Measure 9." Since you don't support the measure, am I to assume you like Duke and Saddam?

And, "I would estimate that this disease (hatred) affects 90 percent of Americans, mostly white males." You and I are cases in point, but if any males are unaffected and if blacks and females are less affected than males, I doubt if the total begins to approach 90 percent.

Finally, your violin crescendo. "We as humans are not asking for any special rights other than the right to live and breath the clean crisp air of Oregon." Are you expecting to be murdered or deported?

Enough said. You can take a free shot at me if it will make you feel better, but this is my final round in this exchange.

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CCC science instructor

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