

## Letters to the Editor

### Instructor praises 'Clackamas Print'

Dear Editors and Reporters:

Thank-you for publishing such an excellent student newspaper. The information in your articles is current and informative. You cover topics of interest to both students and staff, such as Staci Smith's suggestions on safety precautions for those of us who are involved in night classes. Melissa Freels' feature story on ASG women helps me to keep in mind the number of different responsibilities faced by

community college students. In addition, I enjoyed reading the Rhapsody insert.

I would also like to compliment Co-Editor Robert Hibberd on his thought-provoking editorials. A good editorial presents readers with interesting ideas rather than simply reflecting popular views.

Sincerely,  
Diane Averill  
English Instructor

### Act III remedies Malcolm X Controversy

To the Editor and Readers of The Clackamas Print:

The Nov. 18 edition of The Print included a letter I wrote two weeks earlier, strongly condemning the Act III theater chain's decision not to premiere the film "Malcolm X" at its Lloyd Center theaters, which are nearest to the neighborhoods where most of Portland's African-Americans live.

Since that letter was written, Act III's management has taken positive steps to correct its mistakes, including a free showing, on the night of its national release of "Malcolm X" at one of the Lloyd Center theaters. These steps have prompted leaders within the black community to cancel their boycott of Act III theaters.

The information now available about the entire episode seems to indicate that Act III's decisions regarding this film were not motivated by conscious racism, and that the management of Act III, after making a few mistakes, has tried to do what it could to address the concerns of the black community.

Whether the problem has been dealt with sufficiently remains to be seen, but I now feel that Act III is to be commended for its efforts to open lines of communication. At the time when I wrote my previous letter, Act III's management was still refusing to

comment on the negative feelings generated by their decision. This only made matters worse, creating the impression that Act III did not care what the African-American community felt about its policies. Such disrespect would have been far more likely to cause violence than anything in the film itself. Act III seems to have realized this, since they did offer a free showing of this film, as demanded by community leaders. They will open the film at the Lloyd theaters on Dec. 2, which they say is the earliest they can get it. As of this writing, "Malcolm X" has probably been seen by more than 2,000 people in Portland, and has driven no one to violence.

Although this episode seems to have come to a fairly positive resolution, the problem of racism still exists. Racism has left deep wounds in every community, white as well as black. The work of healing will be long, but until the wounds are healed, no one can claim that true equality has been achieved. As some have rightly said, "Malcolm X" is only a movie. No matter how powerful and appropriate its message, a movie can never fulfill the need to build bridges between our communities and heal the wounds within our own hearts.

Kevin Haines  
CCC Student

## Student and community donations make for happy holidays Giving trees help benefit the needy

by Tina McFarland  
Staff Writer

With the holidays rapidly approaching, people are preparing themselves for the giving season. Clackamas is no different. Currently, ASG is placing this year's giving trees in various buildings across campus.

The Giving Tree is a Salvation Army-sponsored charity that provides Christmas for poverty-stricken and homeless children. The trees are set up with tags on them bearing the child's name, age, sex and Christmas wish list. Sometimes the tags provide a short biography, which, according to ASG President Amy Gaskell, help make the children more real.

This third annual event for CCC has expanded for Christmas '92. In the past, there has been only one tree, located in the Clackamas Mall, but this year, there are three trees. The CC Mall, the Gregory Forum and Clairmont Hall all house Giving Trees, and one may be put in Streeter Hall as well. Currently, several other buildings are requesting to have a tree.

ASG is also looking into putting up a tree outside. Gaskell hopes the tree placed in the Gregory Forum will attract community members as well as college students and faculty. To accommodate all of these trees, ASG is asking for decoration donations. For more information, contact Gaskell in the Student Activities office.

Anyone interested in participating in The Giving Tree

charity needs to choose a tag off of one of the trees. They then need to purchase a new gift and return it unwrapped along with the tag to the ASG office.

According to Gaskell, after sponsoring trees in the past, families on campus requested that their children's names be put on the tree. However, due to legal diffi-

Horticulture department for the offices, with tags on them.

According to Gaskell, in the past, The Giving Tree has been "highly successful. It was so amazing last year. Some of the gifts last year were real expensive. I was shocked to see that faculty and students purchased them," she said.

In addition to The Giving Tree, ASG is sponsoring "Dress a Child," where students and faculty are asked to bring used clothing. A canned food drive will also run through the season. The last day of school, Dec. 19, is when all the donations will be picked up, so any donations must be in by then.

"The canned food drive is general, and it's hard when college students are lugging books around. Besides, most college students live on ramen, and they aren't going to part with their tuna," Gaskell said.

She feels that is part of what makes The Giving Tree so successful.

Both Scheffele and Gaskell take a personal interest in helping others. "I like the feelings I get out of it. I've delivered stuff to families and I get to see their faces light up. It starts Christmas for me," Scheffele said.

Gaskell agreed stating, "For me, this has always been Christmas. I encourage all students to please visit the trees and give from their hearts. If they don't have the money to purchase a gift, come to the ASG office and volunteer your time. We can always use the help."



Amy Gaskell and Norm Berney decorate the giving tree in the CC Mall.

culties, ASG decided to use the Salvation Army tags again this year.

In addition to the large trees, Gaskell, Legislative Director Jarrod Scheffele and Senator Liberty Hunt are sending memos to each of the offices and clubs on campus encouraging people to participate. The memo suggests that instead of a gift exchange between office or club members, they take a tag off of the tree and purchase a gift for the child. Gaskell hopes to have individual trees donated by the Ornamental

## Writers' Club Contest

- Fiction (one entry per contestant)
- Creative Non-Fiction (one entry per contestant)
- Poetry (a maximum of six poems per contestant)

Entries must be submitted by Jan. 15 with three copies of the work being entered. All works should have a title sheet with the name of the piece, the author's name, social security number and the author's phone number. The actual entry should not have the author's name on them, for judging purposes.

Cash prizes and certificates will be awarded for first and second place in each category.

Please leave submissions with Allen Widerburg in room S124. Call ext. 2359 for details.

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## Jazz night features alumni vocalists

by Nicole Turley  
Staff Writer

Tonight at 7 p.m. in the Gregory Forum, alumni vocal students of Clackamas will gather with this year's students and perform jazz music for the Alumni Vocal Jazz Night.

"I am always excited to have the Alumni Vocal Jazz Night," said Vocal Director Lonnie Cline, "because it's fun to see the students I taught before and I like to see what they're doing now."

Cline stated that many of his former students return each year. "They like to listen to the new groups, and some I invite on stage to sing," he said.

Two Clackamas jazz groups will be performing with the returning students tonight. Jazz groups Straight Ahead, who recently performed a concert benefit for the Retired Officers of Portland, Oregon, and Main Stream, who has taken part in

several high school exchange concerts this year. They are both looking forward to tonight's event.

"It's pretty lax," said Main Stream member Ronne Neighorn, "Everyone is performing for fun," he said.

The cost to attend the Alumni Vocal Jazz Night is \$2 for students, \$3 for adults and free for senior citizens. "It's like renewing an old acquaintance, a reunion of sorts," said Cline.

# HAPPY HOLIDAYS

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