

# TRIBUTE

*"When evil men plot, good men must plan. When evil men burn and bomb, good men must build and bind. When evil men shout ugly words of hatred, good men must commit themselves to the glories of love. When evil men seek to perpetuate an unjust status quo, good men must seek to bring into being a real order of justice."*



## Martin Luther King Jr. 1929 - 1968

### Letters to the Editor

To the Editor,

First off, I would like to mention that I have thoroughly enjoyed attending Clackamas Community College. The teaching staff and the disabled student department are great.

This brings me to why I'm writing you. Recently it has become more and more difficult to find a handicapped parking place. I have arthritis in both legs and have a hard time getting around. I do not have a motorized wheelchair to get to my classes, and feel it cruel and unusual punishment to make me walk from the north forty to get to class. I can't walk these long distances. I would appeal to your human nature to supply us, that are in need, with adequate parking. I have talked to my friends at the Handicap Advocacy, and they feel that having more parking is not an unreasonable request. Legally you may have to remedy this problem.

Point two, I also have a problem with the smokers standing outside every door I enter. I have asthma and other problems that make me very allergic to the smoke. Secondary smoke is bad for healthy people, you can imagine what it's like for me. Smokers need to have their own area.

In closing, I do not want to leave the school of my choice and I will put up a fight. These requests are not out of line. Please help to make our school a better place for all, including us handicapped folk.

Sincerely,  
David Portlock

To the Editor,

The homosexual support group is still looking for new members. To become a member simply contact the group's advisor, Connie McFarland, at 657-6958 ext. 3112. The club will meet once a week, and we need your name and phone number so we can inform you on where and when we meet. This club is available to all gays, lesbians, and bisexuals who are looking for support, and who want to get involved.

We have a whole range of topics to talk about including adoption, family, AIDS, sex and so forth. The club will have special guests that will come in to talk about condoms, AIDS, coming out, fund raisers, activities, etc. If you are confused about your sexual identity, this group is for you. We will understand and we will help and support you in anyway we can. Does Measure 9 still have you down? Come and talk about it. Let's talk about what we can expect from the OCA the next time they come around.

I'm excited to be part of this club, and I really want this group to work. So to be with friends that accept and understand you, and to get answers to your questions, get in touch with us. Contact Connie at ext. 3112, contact Norm in the Student Activities department at ext. 2247, or talk to a counselor in the Counseling department. This group will be a lot of fun and you will meet new people.

Sincerely,  
Toni Newlen

To the Editor,

An exciting thing has finally happened here at Clackamas about a month ago. It showed me that this is a progressive, open-minded school heading into the future.

What exactly was this extraordinary event? The formation of a gay, lesbian and bisexual support group. Many people will see this as moving backward instead of forward. I'll give you two reasons why it is a step forward. More than one-third of 15 to 25-year-old suicides are because of confused sexual identity and they had no one to turn to. And second, being with other people to talk to will boost self-esteem and then they won't consider suicide.

So for all people at Clackamas, I ask that you support this group in an understanding that this is a support group and not a task force to bring the "homosexual agenda" to the campus. Let us show other colleges that this is an intellectually-forward moving school and not a college of the Dark Ages.

Patrick O'Donnell

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### Trouble with resolutions? Advice on keeping them

New Year's Resolutions. We make 'em, we break 'em. So why do we even have them? That is a good question we all ask ourselves. But what kind of resolutions do we make anyway?

Simply put, a New Year's Resolution is a promise we make to ourselves to improve our lives in the coming year. What a waste of words. Not too many of us change our habits in any period of time that is shorter than one year. We

drive ourselves crazy with our search for a better life that we go back to our old habits and no real change is ever made. In fact, we get a little worse. Not only do we still have a bad habit, but now we also have a feeling of guilt on knowing we haven't changed it.

Some of the most common NYRs are to quit smoking, to lose weight, to get out more, to communicate with our significant others, etc., etc.

Being the handsome prince I am, I don't make many resolutions. I find them too risky to establish, and impossible to keep up with. Most of the time they are broken by the third of the year. And if it takes you three days to break your vows...guess how you'd feel the other 362 days? I'd bet on guilty. Varying degrees of guilt throughout the

year, mind you, but guilt nonetheless.

My lone resolution is that I can keep on bringing you the wonderful columns that you told me you liked. And this is but the first of



### The World Beat

by Eric St.  
Anthony's

1993.

If you make a NYR, I wish you the best of luck on keeping it. And here are a few pointers on making sure you keep them.

1. Once you say it, you gotta keep it.
2. Make some sort of guideline to follow through on your NYR.
3. If need be, get some moral support.
4. Make some sort of progress check after a pre-set period.
5. Tell people about your progress. If there are people who are running the same types of resolutions that is having problems, you can help them out.
6. If you don't have to, don't make an NYR.

I hope you paid attention to this. And until the next column, keep on keepin' on.