

It's ASG election time and who really cares?

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The Associated Student Government of Clackamas Community College held its forum Friday to let the candidates for the offices of president and vice-president give their speeches to anyone that would listen.

This year, as in past years, student apathy was felt throughout the CC Mall, as a very small amount of students listened to the same rhetoric over and over again.

The two candidates for vice-president held up their intentions for the post that they are seeking, as both of them stayed in the background during much of the forum, answering a few questions, then retreating nervously back to their seats on the stage.

The presidential candidates, on the other hand, stepped forward and talked a whole lot about not much at all. They side-stepped the issues and answered each different question with the same,

almost rehearsed answer.

One presidential candidate did not even bother to show up for the forum. Joel Donaldson had to

ager," did a reasonable job as the absent Donaldson, but after a while, the audience gathered did not seem to know whose opinion

learned from this forum? Not a helluva lot. From this reporter's point of view, Deanna Duval should win this election in a land-

slides were asked, but the ones that were, Duval gave the right (?) answers.

The vice-presidential race should prove to be more interesting. Both Joel Thomas and Jeff Boedigheimer gave creditable presentations, and both seem to be level-headed enough to assume the job they are running for. Thomas exudes quiet confidence, while Boedigheimer stands up before a crowd and commands attention. Take your pick.

Just remember, however, that it takes your vote to make a difference. I know that sounds like an old, worn-out cliché, but in this case, it really is true. At CCC, the apathetic student comes into play. Remember kiddies, 98.8 percent of you probably will not take the time to vote this week.

So, buck the trend and vote. In this election, as with almost every other ASG election, one vote, your vote, really does go a long way.



go to Canada to attend a Phi Theta Kappa regional conference. His stand-in, Martin Mabuwa, Donaldson's "campaign man-

was actually speaking, Mabuwa's, or the actual candidate, Donaldson.

Was anything actually

slide. At least she bothered to show up. Duval gave the right answers to the appropriate questions. Not all of the right ques-

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

This letter is in response to the opinion page in the April 28 issue of *The Print* entitled "\$13,000 worth of entertainment: Not!" by Jeff Kemp.

I gather from paragraph one of Mr. Kemp's "opinion" that he is a new student and apparently a short-time Oregon resident. Anyone who has spent a spring in Oregon would know that you do not expect a lot of "outdoor concerts" this time of year because of the probability of rain. I wonder how I managed to miss all "the nice weather" Mr. Kemp referred to. At this point, I feel my umbrella is a permanent part of my anatomy.

I would like to point out that the "high-cost ventures" like Fun Flicks, You Laugh, You Lose and Blizzard of Bucks which "dwindled the entertainment budget for Spring Term" received positive publicity in your paper and was well received by students and staff. The Skylight Room was packed to capacity for Blizzard of Bucks and You Laugh, You Lose and the mall area was rather crowded during the six-hour Fun Flicks.

As for the lack of entertainment for Spring Term, I'll let the facts speak for themselves. Entertainment sponsored in part or in whole by the Associated Student Government for this term includes: two Family Night Movies ("Aladdin" and "Land Before Time"), Tom Grant, Fun Flicks, "Real" (a band who performed outside), "The Lansings" (another band scheduled to play outside), "The Condors" (another band which will appear during International Week), and "Playground" (the band who played outside under a covered area). ASG is also co-sponsoring with the Spanish Club a band for Cinco de Mayo.

I find it interesting that Jason Gibson, a "student" you quoted in your article, is not at this time a Clackamas student at all. Gibson is, in reality, a "promoter" for much of the local talent he made refer-

ence to, including the "Pseudo Hippies," who performed on the first day of classes in the fall of 1992, and "Real," who performed on April 7. Because I work in Student Activities, I have observed first hand the scheduling of events and have dealt with many promoters.

Last, but not least, Mr. Kemp, I am curious as to why you did not print the schedule of events for the past year. It is my understanding that you received one from Norm Berney, ASG Adviser, prior to the writing of your article. Not only that, I am in awe that so many ASG members don't remember being asked to comment. It appears to me that there could be a hidden agenda here and I wonder about your own relationship to Gibson.

Debbie Fullard

To the Editor:

Just a few comments about our Student Non Government (SNG) at Clackamas. Does anyone else find it strange that our SNG makes decisions that affect us and cost us money every week, yet we are not included in this decision-making process?

Oh, sure, they have their weekly meetings, but what about those of us who cannot attend them? Don't we have a right to be informed? And if we do have the right to be informed, isn't the SNG obligated to keep us in the know? I think so.

In the fall 92 term, I requested the SNG to post the minutes of its meetings or to make copies of the minutes available to the student body. ASG minutes from just three meetings were posted. After November, they were no longer posted. Why? What is the SNG afraid of? What are they trying to hide? If they fear us not, and they aren't hiding something, where are the minutes?

They have several display cases across from Student Activities that are virtually unused. They

also have an executive secretary who is supposed to record the SNG meetings and distribute copies to the SNG members. Is it cost-prohibitive to make copies for the student? Or doesn't anyone in the SNG care whether the students are properly informed?

I read in last week's *Print* that Harold Isackson is responsible for all of the SNG entertainment funds being used up before the end of the school year. Last year there was an entertainment council that was supposed to make decisions about entertainment and its use of funds. This council reported to the ASG meeting before any entertainment decisions were made. Don't they do this anymore? If not, why not?

And if they did have an entertainment council, how can it be Isackson's fault that the money has run out? Didn't the SNG have any input? Nobody I know was asked for any ideas or suggestions on entertainment, and since Isackson has not been in SNG since December, I'm confused. The SNG people are supposed to be there for our benefit, but I see no benefits for anyone but the people in the SNG. They get paid in the form of tuition waivers to perform their jobs, but they aren't doing their jobs for us, it seems.

Now we have SNG elections and I don't know who the candidates are or what they would like to accomplish, and outside of the SNG, I don't think anybody else knows who these candidates are. I went to the SNG office today to find out when the candidates forum was. There were several people from the SNG there who had no idea when the forum was. It's a good thing the Student Activities secretary was there, because she was the only one who knew it was Friday. I don't have any classes on Fridays nor do many of my classmates in the Voc/Tech Programs, so as a group, we have effectively been excluded from being able to make an informed choice on who to vote for come May 10, (we seem to be developing

a trend) unless we care to make a special trip. (It is a 40-mile round trip for me).

I wrote up a suggestion about posting the SNG minutes. The SNG staffer had absolutely no idea how or when I would be notified as to whether or not any action would be taken on my suggestion. She said she didn't know about suggestions because there were, as yet, no suggestion boxes out.

While it is true that there are 10 brand new suggestion boxes in the Student Activities Office, (where they have been sitting for quite awhile. When will they be used?) there are at least two suggestion boxes still in use. One in Barlow and one outside the door of the SNG office, (I can't believe that these people are so unprepared and unaware of what they are doing,) and when I pointed this out to the young lady who was "helping" me, she told me that she couldn't help me and she got up and walked to the back of the office.

This really sucks. The people in the SNG get paid to serve us and we are not getting our money's worth. Decisions are being made by people who don't seem to have any idea of what their job is all about, and who seem to have no interest in helping us out. I may ask tough questions of our SNG, but that does not mean I don't deserve an answer nor should I be treated rudely. I would rather have someone say that they don't know, but that they will at least try to find this information for me, but this isn't happening. If you are as upset as I am, you should let your SNG know about it. They can only get away with this stuff if we as a group let them.

Unfortunately, we are not being given a fair chance to rectify this situation by electing new officers. There is no way I could make an informed decision come May 10. How about you? This is hardly the way to gain our confidence. I will be graduating soon and I won't have to worry about it. How about

you? Are you satisfied? If not, don't take it lying down. Take action now while you still can. Speak out and make yourself heard.

Sincerely,

Brian E. Wilson

Dear Kemp:

In response to your article in the April 28, 1993 *Print* "\$13,000 worth of entertainment: Not!", I would like to clarify one of the student activities mentioned.

"Pet Facilitated Therapy" (May 4) was one of a monthly series of programs offered by the Clackamas Training Consortium for people working with elderly. Although these programs are open to any interested party, the target audience is Senior Companions, adult foster care, respite and hospice workers and people providing care for elderly in their own homes and students enrolled in the Gerontology Program.

The trainings are held on the first Tuesday of each month throughout the year and have been very successful (attended by approximately 45 to 50 people each month).

I just wish to clarify for you and your readers that these programs are in no way funded by or considered as "entertainment" for the Clackamas Community College students, but are part of our education and service to students throughout the community.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Knutson
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