

(Editor's Note: In last week's edition of The Print, we ran a letter from Dean Darris, political science instructor here at CCC. He was responding to our coverage of the Diversity Plan, particularly a story in which one of his quotes was taken out of context.

Unfortunately, due to an editing error a part of the last paragraph of Darris' letter was omitted. It is reproduced in full here.)

"In short, my comments were not an indictment of the plan, but rather, a plea that we make it meaningful. We could do this by having the intellectual courage to examine prejudices that all of us may actually share, instead of ones we already know we should not perpetuate. That is, education is about exposing ignorance in the present and not simply celebrating our past successes against it. It is in this context that my comments were made, and I guess this does prove that with all complex ideas, be it justice, diversity, or whatever, context is everything."

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Support for mass transit in question

To the Editor,

Ignoring the strong message of our local voters -- promote long-term quality of life -- the Clackamas County legislative delegation seems to be "lukewarm" on the importance of extending light-rail into Clackamas County.

Surely the recent local vote of the people favoring light rail, and the open spaces bond measure landslide just this month speaks volumes for stronger leadership on all quality of life issues, especially transportation alternatives.

Strong legislative support is needed. If the state doesn't make the necessary commitment to serving Clackamas County, why should the federal government appropriate 50 percent of the share of the cost? Losing our momentum on light-rail is the equivalent of a transportation train wreck.

I have no problem with making Tri-Met justify the price tag of this project. But consider the environmental and quality of life price that all of us, especially our

children and grandchildren, will pay if we fail to protect air quality, reduce traffic congestion, control sprawl, and promote livable communities.

Clackamas County faces a huge influx of new residents in the next twenty years. Are we prepared for this onslaught on our quality of life? I think not. If you don't like light rail, consider the impact and cost of more freeway construction, and clogged neighborhood arterials.

It must be maddening to responsible local legislatures like Senator Ken Baker to be actively opposed by county legislators like Representatives Jerry Grisham and Cedric Hayden. How embarrassing for our county! This delegation should have worked out a united front on legislative issues important to the diverse needs of our county early in the session.

Sincerely,
Dave McTeague

P.S. Congratulations to Mike Caudle on election as Student Body President!

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-Dave McTeague



Ways to save tax dollars

Dear Editor,

Thank you for your recent articles delineating the financial difficulties faced by CCC and its students.

It surprises me that Mr. Eatherton celebrates cutting taxes in one Print article yet laments the results of such cuts in his "Last Word." Why fight the positive results of tax cuts? Down sizing is a good thing. More down sizing means more tax cutting a recipe for consumer utopia according to Mr. Eatherton.

Thus rather than drumming up more money students need to attend fewer campuses. Then rather than eating up land for campus industrial sites offered along BeaverCreek Road CCC can simply become one.

In fact, we can really cut tax dollars by eliminating college campuses altogether. "Just Net It!" with Internet. There's a virtual community college with virtually no tax dollars involved.

Karen Upton

Editor-in-Chief says goodbye to Clackamas students and staff

by Tina Guinn
Editor-in-Chief

As we were putting together this last issue of The Clackamas Print for the '94-'95 school year, I remembered that I had written a little piece in the first issue of the paper in which I talked about the excitement of the new year and my goals for the paper for this year. And I thought it would be appropriate to look back at the year's progress.

As I reflect on those goals, and on the year in general, I have to smile. We've come a long way! I'm proud to say that we've accomplished nearly all of the goals I'd set for the newspaper at the beginning of the school year. That's quite a feat!

Many of the goals dealt with turning around the image of this newspaper, making it more reader friendly. And I believe that we've done that. Those are not entirely my own thoughts, but rather, they are the thoughts of many people who have commended us for doing an excellent job on the paper this year.

To see the progress we've

made, in all areas, from meeting deadlines, to covering tough subjects, to producing only one four page paper this term (an accomplishment that had not happened in the two prior terms), shows how dedicated we were to making this a successful year for us, as well as for the groups, clubs, individuals and everyone else we profiled in our newspaper coverage.

While we've had a very strong year, we have made our mistakes, some bigger than others. However, each one of those mistakes has been a tremendous learning tool for us as we learn the fine points of our trade. Were it not for those mistakes, we would have nothing to judge our successes by.

Now that our jobs are finished here on The Print, and it is time to pass on the baton to the next generation of Print journalists, I want to take a minute and thank everyone for everything they've contributed to my education. Every experience I've had at Clackamas has been enriching and rewarding. That is not to say

that they've all been entirely pleasant (this newspaper has given me more headaches than I wondered if it was worth), but I've learned something from every one of them. And that wisdom that you gather from the experiences, rather than relying entirely on the book learning, is invaluable to me.

I would encourage everyone who will be returning to CCC next fall to become involved. Supplement your book learning (which was also very enhancing to my over-all education) by joining a club. You won't be sorry.

My classes and the instructors who taught them were rewarding as well. For the first time in my education, I was challenged here. And for the first time, I feel like I'm walking away with real knowledge. Thank you.

So I leave you with these words: Dream big, aim high, don't be afraid to take chances. Find your place at CCC and make the most of it. I did, and I'll always remember my triumphs here.

Good bye and good luck!

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