

Letters to the Editor

Readers voice support for faculty, *Clackamas Print*

To the Print:

The Faculty Senate supports Linda Vogt as advisor and instructor in the journalism department. We appreciate her professionalism. Given the challenges presented in creating a weekly student publication, *The Clackamas Print* has shown itself to be a responsible source of communication in the CCC community.

Members of the Faculty Senate

Student thanks campus community

Dear Editor:

Although I am scrambling like the rest of the student body as I prepare for finals week, I want to take a few minutes to say thank you." I started attending CCC in the fall and am thoroughly enjoying my studies. It is the dedication of the excellent staff and the friendship of fellow students that have made me glad that I chose to come here.

To my instructors: thank you for creative and interesting lectures. I hope to emulate your best teaching techniques when I, too, become a teacher. Thank you for staying up until midnight to grade our midterm exams so that we can have them back promptly. Thank you, Marlene Tufts and Kate Gray, for the extra effort you have put into writing letters of recommendations for scholarships. And thank you all for the knowledge you have imparted.

To the rest of the staff: thank you for friendly smiles when you greet me, one of hundreds of students you have seen that day, at

the registration desk, financial aid office, help center, etc. I can tell you enjoy helping students. Thanks to the instructors who do not even have me in their classes but have taken the time to talk to me. I am especially grateful to Jan Anderson and Dave Arter for giving me valuable feedback on an essay for a scholarship.

To *The Print* staff: Thank you for putting out a fine newspaper. I enjoy reading it. And thank you, Linda Vogt, for being the newspaper's dedicated advisor.

All of you have put many years into educating the women and men of this community, and I hope you will continue for many years to come. Thanks to you, I am looking forward to my next four terms at CCC. I know I will learn a lot.

I hope you have a refreshing spring break. You have certainly earned it.

Sincerely yours,

Cindy Hines Kurfman
Freshman

Single mom extends gratitude

Dear Editor:

I am writing in response to the last few newspapers printed and a particular story that keeps coming up, taking up a lot of valuable space on the pages of our school newspaper. I am a full time student here at CCC and realize that without an education, that I was not going to fulfill my dreams and goals in life unless I made a serious decision. The day that I walked through the doors of CCC, I knew the answer to my future was on the grounds of this school.

I am a single mother, I work four work study jobs and one outside of the college, pay all of my son's day care expenses with this money, and I take my education pretty seriously. I have been given the opportunity to improve my life and give my son a decent future because of CCC, and for this I am forever grateful. Whenever I have had a question, if the person that I asked could not answer it, they found someone who could. Whenever the stress of school, work and motherhood became overwhelming, someone listened. Whenever I needed extra help with something here, someone has always been available. And because of the great opportunities and people here, my son had a Christmas.

Now, I, a devoted and dedicated student at CCC, have the opportunity to give voice to a

problem I do have. It makes me wonder how, with so very little time that we, as the human race, have on this planet, and what little time out of our lives it takes to do some good will, could someone feel that they have the right to enroll in this, or any other school, and make waves for the very people that are here to make life a little bit better for the students? Do you not have enough homework or enough of a life, that you feel it your right to stick your nose in administration business that is pretty obviously, not any of your business. Do you feel that it is your right to criticize the very people that were hired here to educate us and make it easier for those of us that are serious-minded enough to actually get out of school what we are putting into it? If I want to read stories about the problem-chasers in life, I will order the *Oregonian*. Get a life, those of you out there who are not wanting to chase your dreams. I, myself, have much more important issues in my life than to read a bunch of people's sorrows, by trying to make their lives more important and others' a little more difficult. Administration and instructors are here for us; leave them to do their jobs, so that we can do ours.

Dee Edlund

Professionalism appreciated

Dear Editor:

I would like to express my great respect and appreciation for the professionalism of Linda Vogt. I am offering my highest praise for her ongoing work as Advisor for *The Clackamas Print*, her outstanding work with numerous campus committees, and her integrity.

I would like to thank the students who have worked to develop their skills publishing *The Clackamas Print*. Their journalistic contributions are useful in distributing information throughout CCC.

Elizabeth Howley
Horticulture Instructor/
Department Chairperson

CCC student and proud of it

Let me see if I have this straight...John Garvison, CCC student, while in a private discussion with his peers, was told—by someone John chooses not to name—about something said in a private discussion within another peer group. Acting on the information received from his peer, John tried to get to the bottom of it. But the private discussion within the peer group being questioned was not open to public scrutiny; John found this threatening, especially when the second group choose not to give the name of the supposed culprit (is there an echo in here?). This further frustrated John because the peer group being questioned was being paid by him. Therefore, they should not be allowed private discussions. (I find it ironic that the people John is so upset with pay HIS bills, as he works for the state.)

We pay this peer group to teach us, and in the privacy of that group they vent their frustrations, just like we students do all over the campus at "dumb" tests, unrealistic deadlines, and instructors that expect our best all the time!

Hey, Staff, give us a break, we pay you guys, so lighten up and don't notice our academic shortcomings, even in private! We demand you give us less than we pay for. Like, Duh!

Esther Esson
CCC student and proud of it

Rush to judgement harms innocent people

Someone once wrote that the only problem with youth is that it frequently is wasted on young people. Fortunately Clackamas Community College provides an excellent atmosphere for the maturation process to begin.

Mr. John Garvison does not appear to understand how his wreckless rush to judgement has impugned the reputations of several innocent parties while at the same time, unnecessarily arousing the ire of the Clackamas College Community. Short of a public flogging on the mall at high noon, perhaps a 10,000 word essay on the singular importance of collecting accurate information will provide a required retribution and also lead to development of his intellectual honesty.

Now that the term is drawing to a close, I hope that Mr. Garvison is devoting as much time and energy to the pursuit of his academic success. It would seem that he needs much improvement in Journalism 101.

Stephen E. McPherson,
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