

# Political opinion: Oops, I think your slip is showing

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"The hemline of political fashion may go up or down but the important thing is I'm always wearing a dress."

This quotation from the differently attired political sage Alfred Bainbright is as elliptical today as when first uttered years ago. What Bainbright was trying to underscore, though, is an eternal American truth: candidates come and candidates go but we always have the vote.

With the presidential election mere weeks away it is not untimely to reflect upon just for what and for whom to vote.

In the 60's and 70's a simple formula distilled to a single question effectively served as a general guide for the voter. The voter simply asked: "Am I better off today than I was four years ago?" An affirmative response meant the incumbent stayed; a simple no meant heave-ho.

In the 80's this formula persisted but the circumstances of that decade forced the single question to change. In the 80's the

voter asked: "Will this proctological nuisance never go away?"

Today's voter finds themselves in a complex, trouble-plagued environment and the single question formula/guide falls short of guiding the voter. Today's voter is now compelled to ask themselves a series of questions: "Just how egregiously will this candidate aid and abet white-collar crime; did this candidate serve honorably in World War II or sensibly negotiate his way out of Vietnam; is the candidate's wife a lawyer; and when the inevitable 'gate'-style scandal comes to light will it be as entertaining as the O.J. trial or as witlessly dull as Whitewater?"

Another oft-used guide is for the voter to compare and contract the candidates' campaign styles and rhetoric.

Dole's campaign fairly gleams in martial tones with Dole energetically declaring ware on America's social ills. Dole, who stumps tirelessly on his military service in the Big One, is pledging a perverse Vietnam era hearts-and-minds-destroy-the-village-

in-order-to-save-it-solution for American domestic problems. Dole promises to secure the country with Liberal pacification resulting in a Republicanization of the people. Huzzah!

Team Clinton is adopting a benign bunker mentality and running an effective non-campaign. The evident strategy here is: hunker down, do nothing, sit on our lead and for God's sake don't do anything else stupid until we can squeeze through again in November. With the noisy exception of an aggrieved lesbian/gay voting block howling betrayal, some sputtering environmentalists and a blabbermouth hooker, things are pretty quiet at the Clinton campaign bunker.

And what of Perot? The squawking candidate with the tiresome series of personally funded infomercials hasn't been a serious candidate since his Kenneth-what-is-the-frequency freakout when he jabbered about Republican Ninjas planning to sabotage his daughter's wedding and that shadowy Guccione types were threatening to release pic-

tures of her. Yowza! Yowza! Dispense the Thorazine already.

What makes Perot more detestable than comical, however, is the churlish way his ego derailed the Lamm campaign. Perot himself is proving to be the loud, fateful rap on the Third Party's door of undoing.

So, what is a voter to do? Well, mindful of Alfred Bainbright, put on your best dress and go to the polls and try to minimize the damage. And above all else keep this in mind; the bars are closed on election day and you'll still default on your student loans no matter who is elected.

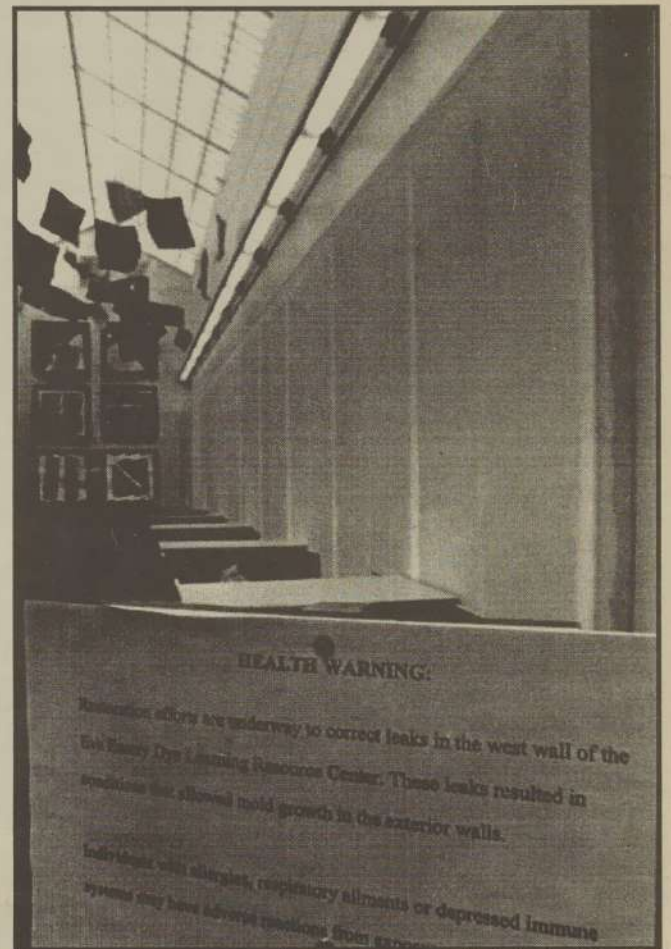


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Fungus alert! It ain't gone yet! See next week's Print.

## NEWS BRIEFS

Community news you need to know!

### Campus goes gray

The college school board approved a policy to use recycled paper campus-wide.

The gray colored paper called Unity is a 100% recycled, unbleached, environmentally friendly product. It will be the standard for campus copiers and in the duplication office.

Unless copy work orders are marked non-recycled white, copies will be duplicated on Unity paper.

### Alumni exhibit work

The best works of art by former Clackamas students will be on display through Oct. 25 at Pauling Gallery. The exhibits are free and open to the public. The gallery is open 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., Monday through Thursday; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday.

### Women writers form Chrysalis

Aspiring women writers can join other students and staff to share something you have written or to get inspiration from others like you. Free and open to the public. Register for WKS 1-01. Noon to 1 p.m., Barlow Hall, Room 112. Information: Kate Gray, 657-6958 ext. 2371.

### Cabaret auditions

Prepare a song and a short (under 2 min.) monologue. An accompanist will be available. Needed are 20-plus singers/dancers/actors. Several roles require only minimal singing. By appointment only. 12-5 p.m. and 6:30-9:30 p.m., McLoughlin Hall Theatre. Rehearsals will be evenings fall and winter terms. Performance dates are February 13-

16 and 20-23. For an appointment call 657-6958 ext. 3230.

### New book group available for women

Join other women to share lunch and discuss books. This group is sponsored by AAWCC Focus on Women. Register for WKS 1-02. 12-1 p.m., Oct. 8, Nov. 5 & Dec. 3 at B114. Free.

### Career classes offer opportunity

This fall, career seekers can explore technology careers. Exploring Professional/Technical Careers meets each Tuesday, and lets students spend two sessions studying five professions. Information is available at the Cooperative Work Experience office at 657-6958, ext. 2273

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## The SBDC is Here For You!

### Business Counseling Services

Clackamas Community College's Small Business Development Center (SBDC) offers up to 10 free hours of business counseling to prospective, new and existing business owners.



Small Business Development Center  
at Harmony Center,  
Milwaukie

Call the SBDC  
at 503-656-4447

## Depression screening night scheduled

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The college counseling department will hold their annual Depression Screening Night on Oct. 10 at 6 p.m.

Depression Screening Night is held every year as part of a national prescreening day for people with depression. Any person at Clackamas who feels he or she is experiencing depression can take part in the screening nights events.

"Symptoms of clinical and manic depression can be difficulty sleeping, changes in eating habits and periods of sadness," said Clackamas Counselor Dave Campbell.

Counselor Ellen Wolfson, Campbell and the rest of the counseling department will conduct the screening session.

"This is the third or fourth year we have done this. The positive results of the screenings have been that a number of people have received professional help through community resources,"

said Campbell.

Depression Screening Night curriculum consists of the participants watching a video presented by people who have had histories of clinical depression. A written depression screening test will then be offered by the counselors to those who want to take it. The counseling department will then finish up the night by interviewing screening participants individually to decide further course of action.

Campbell added, "Often people present multiple diagnosis: manic depression, eating disorders, drug abuse, etc."

Those interested in this event and want more information may contact the counseling department at ext. 2385, Ellen Wolfson at ext. 2550 or Dave Campbell at ext. 2600.

Depression screening was a previous project of Phi Theta Kappa. Current members are encouraged to volunteer any available time to this event. Please contact Dave Arter at ext. 2210.

## Depression Screening Night

DATE: OCTOBER 10, 1996

TIME: 6:00 P.M.

WHERE: CC 127

WHAT: INFORMAL INFORMATION LECTURE ON "DEPRESSION" & SESSIONS WITH COUNSELORS TO ASSESS YOUR SITUATION

CONTACT: EXT. 2213