

Editorial

Another one bites the dust

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As we head into production, I cannot help but think about the number of American college students who did not take the opportunity to vote on Tuesday. What a waste.

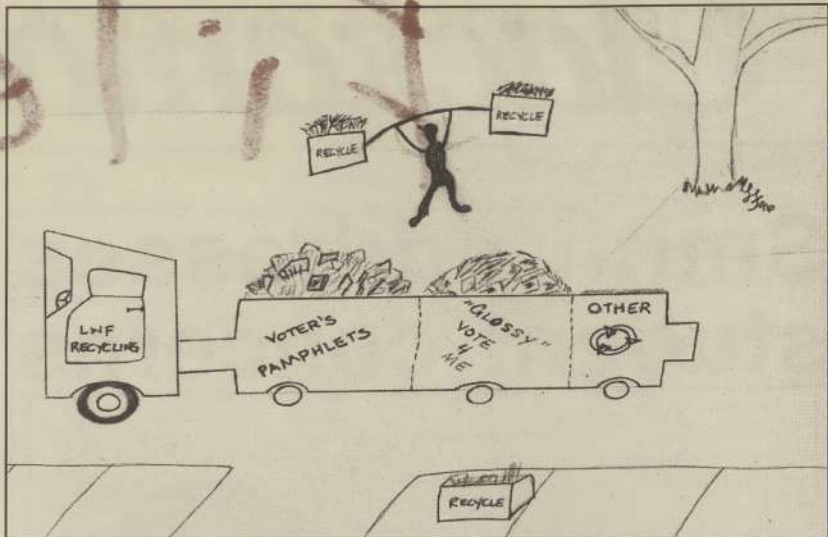
Sure, the pamphlets so painstakingly put together by government workers were a lot to read. Yes, of course, it was confusing. But no more so than last year's chemistry book.

If you got out and voted, more power to you. It does not matter how you voted. We will get a chance to change our mind

in four years. The fact is, you took advantage of being a free citizen in this country and voiced your opinion.

On the other hand, I am glad the elections are over. I could not stand to watch one more political commercial or hear campaign promises sure to be broken.

So please excuse me while I haul my recycling bin to the curb. It is overflowing with glossy "vote for me" campaign advertisements. I just hope the man working the recycling route today does not hurt himself lifting it to his truck.



Clackamas student shares first time voting experience

Erin Bennett
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Yesterday I voted for the first time in my life.

I was excited when I turned 18. Suddenly, I could take a stand on issues in my community, my state and my nation that concerned myself, my loved ones and my peers.

Over the last several weeks, I have painstakingly gone through both volumes of the Oregon Voters' Pamphlet. I have gone to outside sources to help dissect the more confusing measures. I have discussed the various measures with my family, friends and classmates. I have even gone so far as to list personal pros and cons for the more difficult measures.

There were many people that called me naive. My father jokingly remarked about the idealism behind my attentiveness. I brushed off all of the negative remarks, for I knew in my heart I was right.

Voting is a right, but there is a responsibility that comes with it. That responsibility is knowing you have made the best

choices for yourself, your community and your country.

How can people visit the voting polls knowing nothing more about the issues than what they see on TV and hear on the radio? After all of my careful research, I can honestly say I am glad I went to the trouble.

The Voters' Pamphlet is filled with all sorts of arguments for and against each measure. However, the only requirement for having an argument printed is that the \$500 fee is paid and the document is filed in time. Take, for example, Ballot Measure 31 (the censorship measure). All of the opposing arguments, except for one, were written by the same committee. Reading only this, how could anyone feel they have made a responsible decision?

I am glad I live in a country that allows me to have a voice in the future of my society. I just wish more people would take the time to find out what they are actually voting about before making reckless and haphazard decisions that could negatively impact this great nation we live in.

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SBDC business classes offered

The Small Business Development Center is offering its one-year program of business classes. The series is designed to help current and potential business owners through the difficult start-up years. Participants will attend classes on the first Wednesday of each month beginning tonight. Course times are from 7 to 10 p.m. Cost for the year's worth of classes and services is \$330. The Center is located at 7617 S.E. Harmony Road in Milwaukie.

Center presents Backyard Ecology

The John Inskeep Environmental Learning Center is offering a three-hour course to learn about the variety of plants and animals found in lawns and gardens. "Backyard Ecology" will be held Saturday, Nov. 9. A \$15 fee gets you in the door or, better yet, out in the yard. The class is open to all ages. To dig up more information about signing up, call ext. 2331.

ELC Workshop will explore ozone

Participants in a three-hour workshop at the ELC will have the opportunity to explore ozone depletion, global warming and other environmental issues. The event will take place on Saturday, Nov. 9 from 1 to 4 p.m. Interested persons are asked to register by calling ext. 2351. There is a \$15 fee for the workshop.

PTK ceremony scheduled

The first induction ceremony into Phi Theta Kappa for honor students will be held Thursday, Nov. 14 in the Gregory Forum, rooms B and C, at 7 p.m. Family and friends are welcome to attend. Keynote speaker is College President John Keyser. Contact Dave Arter at ext. 2210

Be young, have fun, sleep in

That's right! you can sleep in next Monday because classes will not be held at Clackamas on Nov. 11, in honor of Veterans Day.

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8 p.m.
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