

## EDITORIAL : Measuring the social benefits and costs of committing random acts of senseless kindness

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Perhaps you were one of the victims or maybe you missed out on last week's special project conducted by Ed Mills' economic classes.

The assignment was to choose a random act of senseless kindness, organize an approach and then go commit the act.

Once the "act" was committed, each group wrote a summary of their various encounters which were presented in class.

We also had to graph the marginal social costs and marginal social benefits of our act of senseless kindness.

There were a total of 11 groups who participated in the project. Seven of those groups reported their benefits exceeded the costs, while four groups said their costs exceeded their benefits.

It was interesting to note, of the two of the groups who said their costs exceeded their benefits, one group conducted a free car wash and the other

collected garbage on campus.

Apparently, the costs added up quickly in the amount of time and materials involved in doing these two activities.

Other groups handed out candy, soda pop (both warm and cold), and pencils, all of which was free to any taker. For the most part they enjoyed the responses received from students and staff.

There were some people on this campus who refused to even respond to the offer of free stuff. They walked by without even looking up even after being addressed.

Maybe they were lost in thought



or in a hurry. Still, it doesn't make for good human relations.

According to one group, the instructors and staff seemed to be the most gracious. Students, especially the younger ones, seemed to be the most suspicious.

My particular group decided to make positive contact with 10 seasoned adults. The act could be committed anywhere, anytime.

The venture was truly a positive social benefit for each of us. We gave a few minutes of our time and some kind words. There were few negative aspects encountered.

We live in a society which hastens along to a supposed goal in life of having it all. Few of us take the time to talk to our husbands, wives, partners, children, family or friends.

Worse yet, few of us take the time to listen and to value those around us who enrich our lives. We get so wrapped up in our own world we forget about everyone else.

Maybe I can't change the whole world, but I know can make a difference in my little corner.

## Campus News & Update

### Don't miss Community Fair today at college

The Community Fair Day is going on today in the Community Center and Fireside Lounge. The event lasts until 3:30 p.m.

Representatives from local businesses and the military will be on hand to answer questions.

Craft vendors will display items for sale.

### Clubs Council meeting to discuss banquet

The spring-term Clubs Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 30 in CC126 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. The council will be discussing the end-of-the-year banquet. The banquet is scheduled to be held during the first week in June. Please turn your club meeting schedules into Tifani Jagodnik for the ASG files. She can be reached at ext. 2447 if you have any questions.

### Resume writing tips workshop offered

Tired of sending your resume into the black hole known as help wanted? The Career Center is offering a free "Resume Writing Tips" workshop on Tuesday, April 22 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in CC127.

The workshop is the third in a series of four workshops offered during April by the Career and Employment Center. On April 29, the center will present a workshop on how to interview for a job.

To register for the free workshops call ext. 2396.

### Adult enrichment sessions feature art, engineering

The Seasoned Adult Enrichment Program presents "Focus-on-Art" at the April 23 morning session. The afternoon session will feature the "Modern Wonders of Engineering - The Grand Coulee Dam" with Bob Trappe. Sessions are from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the Harmony Center, 7616 SE Harmony Road, Milwaukie. Cost is \$4 per day. For more information call the Community Education Department at ext. 3230.

### Creating a healthier lifestyle subject of class

Clinical psychologist will take a two-theme approach during "Creating Healthier Lives, which begins at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 24 in McLoughlin Theatre. The free workshop is open to all individuals. There will be a discussion about stress and

anxiety over living in a world economy where jobs might be eliminated at any time, where new jobs require high levels of technological skill and where employers often demand longer hours. A discussion will also be held on coping strategies for dealing with children, aging parents and job loss. Additional information is available from David Campbell at ext. 2600.



### Petitions for graduation still being accepted

Petitions for graduation are still being accepted in the Registrar's office although students are not assured of being included in the program. A petition must be filed to indicate a student's desire to have a completed certificate or degree posted to their transcript.

A separate petition must be filed for each certificate or degree. Information regarding the graduation ceremony will be sent to you during spring term. The ceremony will be June 13, 1997.

For information please contact the Registrar's office at ext. 2264.

### Opportunity to study & travel in Mexico

Clackamas is offering Spanish studies in Oaxaco, Mexico from June 28 to July 26. Students will have the opportunity to study Spanish, learn native crafts, visit ancient sites and ruins. Deadline to apply is April 28. Contact Ellen Wolfson at ext. 2550 for information.

### College participates in 'Take Your Daughter to Work Day' April 24

Students, staff and faculty members are invited to participate in "Take Your Daughter to Work Day" next Thursday, April 24.

This national event is created as a way to support girls' interest in careers, and to encourage them to consider the many options that are theirs in the '90's.

Clackamas has participated in the event for the past several years. This year, the Focus on Women Program will host a dessert at 1 p.m. in the Community Center. Cookies and punch will be served, and participants are encouraged to come and meet others who are on campus for the day.

### Women's Weekend funds available

Funds are available to help pay part of the fee for part-time faculty and full and part-time staff members for the annual Women's Getaway Weekend April 25-27.

The event, offered through the Focus on Women Program, is held at YMCA Camp Collins near Gresham. This year's theme is "In Her Nature" and features workshops, recreation and music.

Cost for the weekend is \$140; partial scholarships are available also for students. Contact Ellen Wolfson in the counseling office, ext. 2550, or Linda Vogt, ext. 2310.

The Women's Weekend is in its eighth year, and will feature workshops on a nature theme. All housing and meals are included in the fee.

### PowerSurge Benefit Concert

- Benefitting ASG's campus childcare fund program
- Saturday, Apr. 19, 8 p.m.
- \$10 advance tickets, \$12 door
- Gregory Forum

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