

# Editorial: Excuse me, but is my integrity showing or is there mud on my lenses?

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For the past few weeks, I thought it was just me, but after speaking with several folks on campus, I found I am not alone.

Normally, I hit the floor running every morning. I rise at 4:30 a.m. to write or read homework assignments, because it's my favorite part of the day.

Lately, I've been known to stick my tongue out at the birds singing outside my window and pull the covers over my head.

They tease me and taunt me, begging me to come outside with my morning cup of coffee. I tell them to fly south -- it's still winter in my part of the Northwest.

I think I've come down with that dreaded disease called short-timers attitude.

However, I was pleased to know others are suffering from it too. I did a survey the other day and, sure enough, everyone I spoke to said they are suffering the same symptoms.

Ever since spring break, I drag myself to school each day. I'm having difficulty focusing. I'm counting the number of days left until graduation.

If someone piles one more thing on my plate, I swear I will start screaming. I promise not to stop until the fourth of July.

Speaking of plates, I used to

spend lots of time planning my family's dinners. This was really important to me when I first started school because dinner time was our only time together.

Each weekend I would sit down

my life. I am a busy woman.

So, when I get letters, like the one on this page that says "I also hope that you as a paper attempt to root out such grievous wrongdoing by any candidate," I tend to get a bit



and get ideas from everyone on what they would like to see on the menu for the week. I did this out of love and perhaps a itty, bitsy, teeny, tiny bit of guilt.

Carrying a full load of classes, studying, being a writer, *The Print* editor, a Phi Theta Kappa officer and a friend has taken a lot of time away from my being a wife and mother. This is far from being a complaint; this is just the reality of

defensive.

Frankly, I don't give a hoot whether a candidate attends a function or not. Did you stop to ask whether or not this person contributed to the effort -- be it money or time?

Even though I will not get to vote in the ASG election, I can say this about all the candidates. During my time as a student and as an editor, I have had a close working

relationship with many of the ASG officers.

They are hardworking and dedicated to their positions. They are passionate about their work. They are even more passionate about making a positive difference in students' lives.

Believe me, as a 44-year-old woman who has spent half her life working in the real world - I know dedication like theirs is uncommon. In fact, if I could take each one of them -- along with the members of *The Print* staff -- and harness all that energy into one company, I know we would make Bill Gates look like a pauper.

If you, J T Snow, think there is something wrong here, it is your job to seek out the answers, not mine. You see, I have "short-timer's attitude." What happens in the ASG elections is a matter that will be left to the students still here when I am gone, each of whom has the freedom to vote for whatever candidate they choose.

No one says you must vote for Ms. Fine or any other candidate which you feel is not qualified. That is the beauty of living in America.

As a journalist, it is my job to report the news in an honest, unbiased and professional manner. My integrity is important. However, because we believe in free speech, we do allow space in *The Print* for people such as yourself to express your opinion about any candidate or other issues on this campus.

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there is  
no finish  
line.  
~ Phi  
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Kappa  
motto

## Letters to the Editor

### Student speaks out about ASG candidate

Dear Editor:

Tiffany Fine is one of the candidates for Associated Student Government President. She believes strongly in the ASG Childcare grants, or so she says. So strongly, in fact, it has become one of her campaign issues. Her portrayal of passion is the cause for my letter.

This weekend there was a child care benefit concert on the main campus to raise money for child care grants. Candidate Fine feels so strongly about child care that she had a candidate meeting instead of attending. Not only did she not attend, but she convinced the current ASG child care officer to attend her campaign function rather than attending a benefit for the grants that they administer. I question her dedication to student parents.

The other issue surrounding Tiffany Fines' Presidential campaign meeting this past weekend is this: The ASG Elections Senator is rumored to have been in attendance at this meeting. Not only is this an unethical practice of the candidate, but it is one that could get her removed from the

ballot. I write to you to have a larger audience than the small number of students I know. I also hope that you as a paper attempt to root out such grievous wrongdoing by any candidate. Thank your for hearing my concern.

J T Snow

### Recycling, bureaucracy frustrates student

Dear Editor:

It concerns me to see that this school has not provided recycle boxes in every classroom. As a student who passionately cares for the environment, I go out of my way to find a recycle bin so that I can deposit my papers. I don't understand why this higher learning institution cannot provide recycle bins in every classroom, whereas other colleges around the area do. Believe me, there are many students who want more recycling done on campus. They just have not spoken out on this essential subject concerning our environment.

Also, I feel the club on campus known as HEEL is doing all they can to bring more recycling to this campus; yet in every step of the way in doing this, the administration of this school has fought to keep more recycling out. I ask why

is this? Certainly, a community college can not be against helping their own environment by providing more recycle bins in the classrooms.

I think sometimes that the bureaucracy of the administration forgets to see why many students are pushing for more recycling on campus. We want to help our environment. Yet the student body needs assistance from the administration and I sometimes feel we, the student body, are not being given the help needed. My plea to you, the administration of Clackamas Community College, is that you will help to enhance and grow the recycling program on campus by listening earnestly to our needs (the students) and seek to be a willing partner to continue to protect and revise our depleting natural resources.

With my support to HEEL's efforts and genuine concern for the environment,

CCC Student

Emily Martin

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Thank You

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