

Campus Views

When presented with a copy of *The Clackamas Print's* top ten list featured in the A&E section of the *Print's* May 6 issue and a copy of the humor column, *Dear Grizzo*, featured in the Opinion section of the May 13 issue, we asked students and faculty to reply with their opinions about the articles' offensiveness.

Some people have found these pieces offensive, do you?

Would you like to see more or less of this kind of humor in the *Clackamas Print*? Why?

"I personally wasn't offended by either of the pieces you mentioned. I think the *Print's* done a really good job this year. I think it's been an excellent publication. Every newspaper generates some controversy by its nature of covering news stories and offering editorial opinions. I would always expect some controversy with regard to a student newspaper."

John Keyser, president of Clackamas Community College



"I can't see why it's in here. It was offensive to me, and I didn't know it was the A&E page, so I would find it offensive unless it was labeled why it's in there. I would like to see more facts...I mean, if you're going to talk about 'books only cost forty thousand per term', well that's an exaggeration, but I think that it's right, they do cost a lot. I think that facts should be put there, not exaggerations."

**Bryan Hostetler
ASG environmental senator**



"No. I don't find it offensive at all. Just because it's stating facts, school costs a lot of money...it's not offensive to me, not in any way. I'd like to see more of this sort of thing because it brightens up my day."

**Luke Heuberger
student**



"It's funny, but after a while it'd get really old. I mean, I wouldn't want to hear that kind of thing every week, or every day. Just about the same. I don't see it very often."

**Brooke O'Brien
student**



"No. A little bit of humor always makes school fun, but too much could be annoying. A little bit equal. It's not too much."

**Brandy Jett
student**



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Letter to the editor...

To the Editor:

It was with great interest I awaited the arrival of the latest edition of the *Clackamas Print*. Well, okay, I wasn't exactly waiting with great interest for the arrival of the *Print*, but I did want to read the new edition when it came out. Okay, that's not true either, I didn't exactly want to read the new edition when it arrived. In fact, in all honesty, I can only relate the feelings I experience when seeing a new edition of the *Clackamas Print* in terms of receiving a root canal, without any anesthetic, in the back of a van that is parked in a dimly lit ally [sic.] at midnight, by a person who swears that veterinariany medicine and dentistry are closely related fields.

Nevertheless, by happenstance as I was heading toward my next class I spotted a copy of the *Print* laying on the ground—trampled upon by students as they hurried from one class to the next. The sight of this, I can honestly say without hesitation, struck me as appropriate. As I gazed upon this humorous sight, I noticed that the front page had results of the ASG elections. I scurried about looking for an unsoiled copy of the paper for which to read. Immediately, I found the object for which I was searching.

I read the article, and discovered that I had received seven votes in the election. Seven votes, period! How did I receive only seven votes?! What would account for the low turnout on the part of my supporters? Then it came to me: I didn't officially run for office, and more importantly, I'm pretty sure I didn't have any supporters. So, I rationalized that seven votes wasn't that bad for a guy who's [sic.] only political experience consists of periodically watching the McLaughlin Group. Now granted, a monkey could get seven

votes, but then again, that monkey didn't get his name in the paper. This brings me to my next point: my name.

I was shocked to notice that not only did I receive seven votes, but the article in question spelled my last name incorrectly. I spell it Eby; the article spelled it Elby. Since I have had the name all my life and had always spelled it the same way, as did countless generations of my family before me, I was pretty sure my spelling was correct. In any event, it was salt in an open wound. But how could that leper colony, known as the *Print* staff, miss such a blatant mistake? My only guess is that the copy editors are raging alcoholics, and that the night they were to edit this particular article they were in no certain certain [sic.] terms "off the wagon." It had always been my understanding that in the interest of professionalism the *Print* had a policy of not letting alcoholics edit the paper during drinking binges.

But I digress. It would be easy to criticize the *Print* staff for this mistake, and use this mishap as a spring board to eloquently equate the writing of the paper with the water from a public lavatory after a Mexican fiesta feed. But I shall not; I am above petty insults and quips. I only request one thing: an apology. I am a simple man, and desire a simple solution to this problem. A full page apology for misspelling my name, and my name spelled correctly a hundred times on that full page will be sufficient enough to place this unfortunate mistake behind us. In closing, I request that the copy editors in question enroll in some type of twelve-step program, because it's not just themselves they are effecting [sic.].

Lee Eby

The Print is not perfect

CHRISTINA MUELLER
Co-Editor-in-Chief

In response to the letters that we received about recent issues of the *Clackamas Print* I would like to make some clarifications.

Believe it or not, the *Print* is not perfect. We occasionally spell names wrong, make a design error, or run content that some people may not like. But we do try our best to provide our readers with the most current and accurate stories possible. Everybody makes mistakes; that's how we learn.

I feel that the letter above submitted by Mr. Lee Eby made a relevant point: that we should make a better effort to reduce the misspellings of names. I do, however, feel that the way Eby addressed his dissatisfaction was attacking and nearly libelous. The *Print* does not have a list of students' names to ensure that they are spelled correctly. The responsibility for verifying spellings rests solely on the writer of the article. Of course, that is no excuse for the misspelling of Eby's name but it

does help explain why we may have overlooked it. I apologize to Mr. Eby if this small mistake left him feeling as if someone had poured salt in his open wound.

It seems that many people took offense to our A&E's Top Ten List. We had no intention of offending anyone and apologize to those who felt they were "targeted" by the list. Nothing on the list was true or put there to make people believe it was true. We are proud to be a part of Clackamas Community College and in no way intended to defame it.

We appreciate those who took the time to write letters addressing things that concerned you. Your feedback is helpful to us in knowing how we can make the paper more enjoyable for you to read. So for those of you who get "steamed" about an issue and don't take the time to let us know, next time consider writing us a letter. It's more likely that you'll be happy if you tell us what's bothering you. And by the way, we also accept letters from the other end of the spectrum—tell us what you do like so we can keep doing it.

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