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## Lack of signs confuses students

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College will always come as something of a shock for someone fresh out of high school.

But it doesn't help that it can be very difficult, for someone entirely new to the college scene, to navigate the campus. And at Clackamas, the fact that the signs on the buildings say basically nothing about what is inside the buildings makes it even harder.

Clackamas Community College is not large, when compared to a campus like Oregon State University, for example. But to a college freshman just out of high school, it's plenty big and plenty confusing.

For starters, the Dye Learning Center is an easy way to throw a freshman for a loop. When I first came to this campus for registration and saw that building, my first thoughts were, "They have an entire building for learning how to dye things?" I didn't realize that the title "Dye" was in honor of Eva Emery Dye. Who would, until they walked into the building and saw the memorial plaque dedicating it to her? The name of the building is somewhat misleading. In addition, the sign does not indicate that the library is housed there... very important information!

Streeter Hall is another place that can give problems to someone new. Nowhere on the building is it stated that Streeter Hall houses the main computer lab—at least, not until one goes *into* the building and look around. One must usually be told by someone else that the computer lab is in Streeter Hall.

And if you're trying to find the theater, it could get a little infuriating to try to find out which building it's in. Yes, you can ask just about anyone else on campus and they'll direct you, but shouldn't students be able to find these things on their own, *without* having to ask for directions or wander aimlessly until stumbling across a campus directory?

There are a few buildings on the main campus whose names are fairly self-explanatory: the Community Center, the Family Resource Center and the Gregory Forum. And granted, Randall Hall has a sign that says "gymnasium" on one side. But with the other buildings, it can be confusing to understand what's there or where things are.

I'm not suggesting that the buildings' names be changed, but somewhere underneath the block letters which proclaim the name of the building, we should place a sign explaining what is inside. Underneath the Dye Learning Center's name, display a plaque that says "Library"; on Streeter Hall, display a sign that says "Computer Lab."

I don't think that creating signs located directly on the buildings—easy to read and in plain view—is too much to ask. Those of us who are new - and the new students who come to Clackamas in the future - will appreciate the effort.

## How about a televised divorce?

# Clinton scandal late-nite fun

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Our President got caught with his pants down, and it could cost him his job. Unless you checked out of the Reality Hilton ultra-early, you know the big buzz of DC-Town. This political scandal has become the stuff of late-night talk-show hosts' monologues.

But of course, in Washington, scandals are nothing new, especially those of the sexual kind. (Remember Gary Hart's little monkey business with Donna Rice back '87 way?)

Ironically, Clinton had been particularly adept at covering up scandals (remember White-water or Travelgate?), sexual or otherwise. It doesn't hurt that his wife is a shrewd lawyer.

There are those who claim Clinton is morally unfit to be a leader of people, but I have a reality check for those who hold those beliefs: if we suddenly established moral requisites for those who wish to lead, we'd probably find few who qualify. And those who would qualify probably wouldn't have the desire to lead. Case in point: my mother, the most morally upstanding woman I know, and who probably has more common sense than a lot of politicians currently in DC, the 50 state capitals and the 3K-plus county seats. Yet when I suggest she should run for office (you can only take so much BS from the politicians), she tells me simply, "I should think not."

I think there are lessons we all can learn from this:

1. Throughout history, there remains no two more proven aphorisms than money and power. A contemporary American example of this (aside from Clinton, of course) is JFK, as his dalliances with Marilyn Monroe are well-

known.

2. Sometimes, those two items tend to corrupt even the most morally sound of people. It's often been said that money is the root of all evil.

3. More often than not, the things we do after we allow ourselves to get corrupted hurt those closest to us. In the case of this current scandal, two words: Hillary and Chelsea.

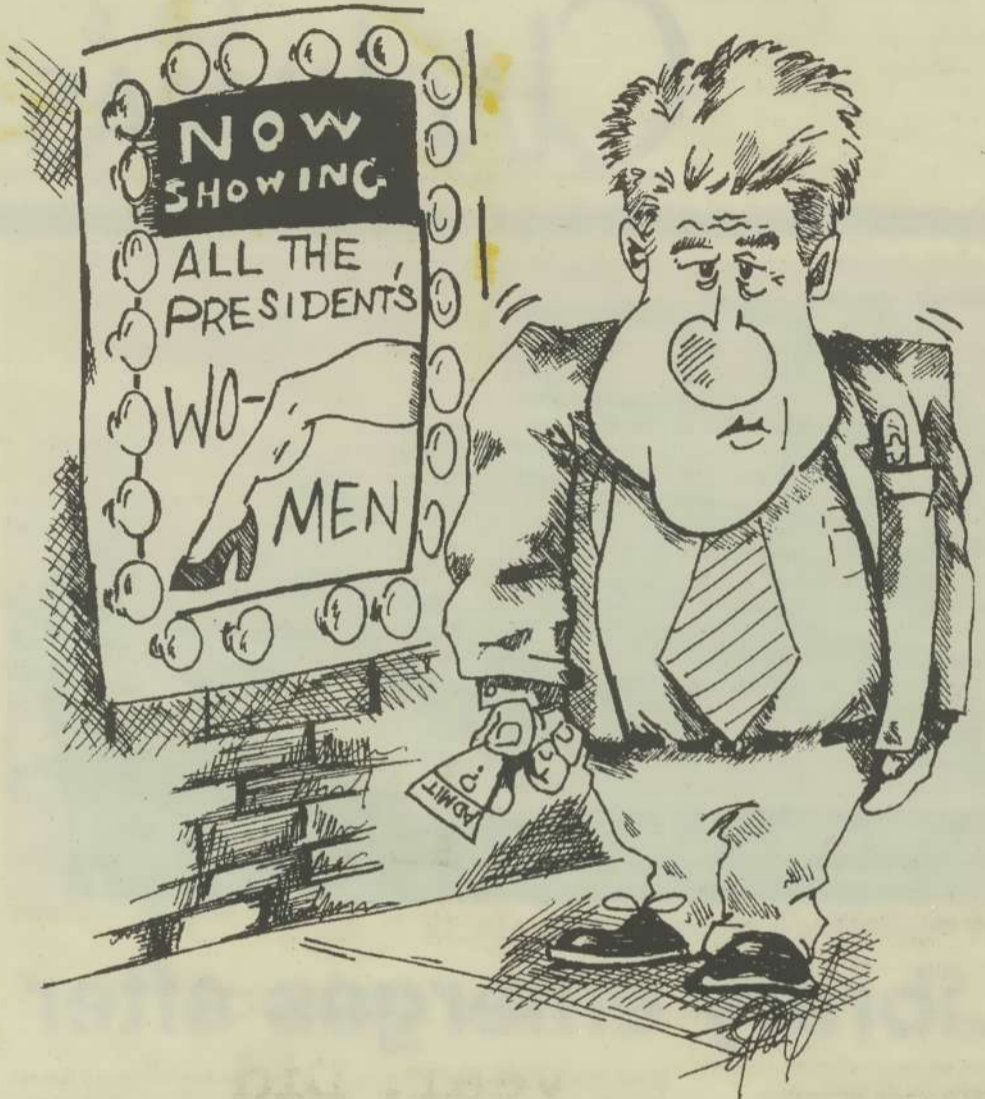
Which brings us to: why the hell

would married-man Bill, married close to a quarter-century to Hillary with a daughter in college (Stanford, no less!) carry on extramarital affairs? Could it be we have the first President to have a mid-life crisis?

What should we do with Bill? Congress is debating the impeachment of Slick Willie. But what do I think? Should he be impeached, should he resign, or should he just be censured? (For those who don't know, that's when Congress tells

him, "Bad President! Bad President!")

I may be a little sadistic, but here's my suggestion: None of the above will do. Instead, how about this: since Monica has told all about her affair with Bill, now Hillary should seek a divorce while Bill's still President - and the divorce should be televised! By making an example of the First Philanderer, we could cut down on future problems.



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