

Art... or Arts?

May I ask you a question? I promise, this won't be a matter of opinion. It's simply a matter of

\$16,000 could be used to give scholarships to needy or academically excellent students.

TO BE IN A PERFECT WORLD

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principles.

When you have the money to purchase one thing, which would you rather have: New computers, software, and technology, or artwork that has no other connection to our campus?

What could we do with the money that would go to that \$16,000 statue, "Shared Destinies," that the college is considering purchasing? Well, I believe that ITS (Information Technology Services) could use the money to improve the efficiency of our computer network, or to buy new computers.

Or maybe, just *maybe*, the

And if you're still hooked on art? Well, use the \$16,000 to improve the Art Department, so that students involved in the art program can produce themselves the kind of statues that we're putting all over our campus.

Imagine how much more meaningful that kind of artwork would be, compared to something that was purchased by community donations.

And to those community members who donate: which would you rather be able to say? "I bought that piece of artwork that will be thrown out next time someone pays for a new piece," or "I helped to pay for the new Sculpture Art Program that created the beautiful, expressive sculptures that you can find all over the Willamette Valley?"

It's your choice. Use your voice.

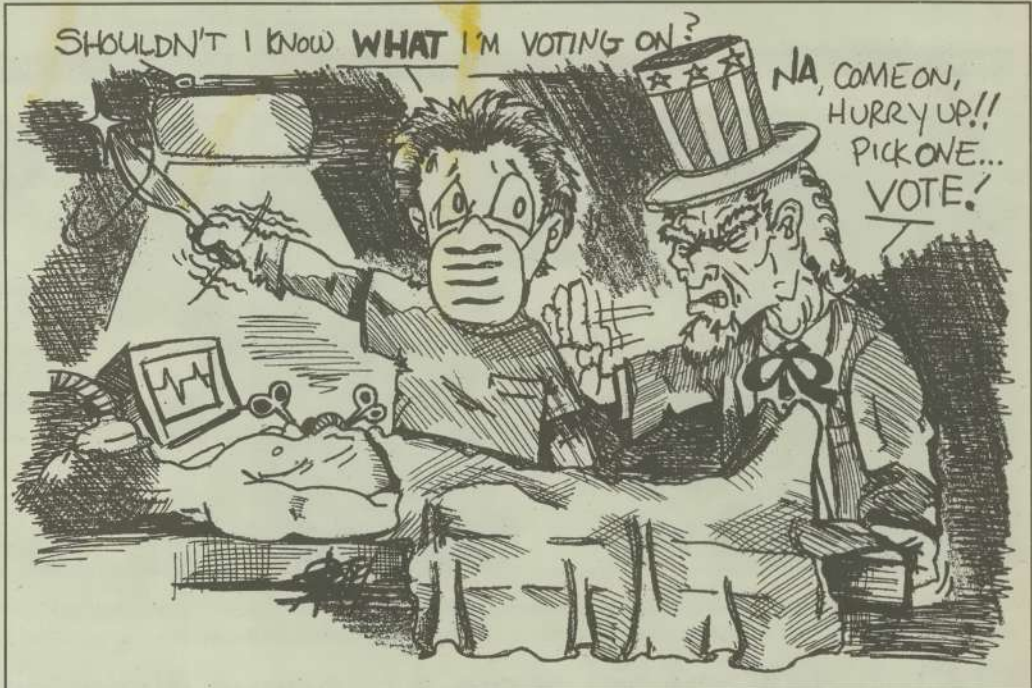


A FRIENDLY REMINDER FROM THE CLACKAMAS PRINT!!!

School is Closed

for Veterans' Day next Wednesday, November 11.

The newspaper will not be published.



F A C E O f f

Playing with fire-water in the new Alcohol Serving Class

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I've heard a few students around campus talking about a class that is being offered to students planning on serving alcohol at parties as the holidays near. Some think it is a good idea, and some think that the school shouldn't offer such a workshop.

On the one hand, some say no school should be promoting the serving of alcohol at parties because there are more wholesome ways to celebrate, when it all comes down to it. One can have just as much fun at a party while drinking a canned soda as they would drinking a canned beer. The alcohol should never be the center of attention at a party.

On the other hand, others claim the school shouldn't ignore the fact that students in college generally are old enough to serve drinks legally. Looking the other way only leads to trouble. As the holidays near, alcohol consumption will go up. Alcohol is, in some cultures, a medium for celebration, more of a ceremonial drink than a drug.

The alcohol serving class on Nov. 11-12 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. will not teach students how to mix drinks; rather it will teach someone how to properly and correctly "card" people as they come into the party. Its purpose is to make responsible servers of alcohol out of the students who plan to serve it.

The whole point of this class is that by the end of the allotted six hours for the workshop, students will be capable of reading all forms of legal Oregon identification cards and determining if a piece of identification is legitimate or not.

This class, I reiterate, does not teach someone how to mix drinks. It teaches students the rules of alcohol serving, how much alcohol is the legal limit, and how much alcohol is in each form of drink.

I agree that 18-year-olds shouldn't be attending a class like this, as they are underage in terms of alcohol purchase and consumption, but the fact remains that 18-year-olds are considered legal adults and therefore, legally and technically, should not be denied this opportunity to learn how to check someone's identification for validity.

The issue of this debate shouldn't be, "Why is our school promoting alcohol serving?" because that isn't the point of this workshop. If there is to be any debate at all, it should be whether or not underage students should be allowed to attend.

Besides, why should the school turn its head and pretend alcohol serving doesn't exist? As the old saying goes, "If you think education is expensive, try ignorance."

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The holiday season is coming. There is so much to be done—the shopping, the decorating, the wrapping, and yes, the parties to plan. As always, people want to make sure that holiday parties are safe when alcohol is involved. Organizations are again reminding people to drive safe and to choose a designated driver. These are great ideas.

The OLCC (Oregon Liquor Control Commission) is offering a class at the Public Safety Training Center on how to have a safe alcohol party. This class teaches people how to identify someone who is intoxicated, and how to properly I.D. people including all drivers licenses, passports, and alien cards.

This class is designed to turn the average person into a semi expert on the two subjects in approximately six hours. Can this be done? I think not! How can anyone (with few exclusions) remember so much information—remember all the laws, rules, and regulations, and serving alcohol and all the 50 state drivers' licenses, and I.D. cards? Most people can not even name all the 50 states let alone what their I.D. cards look like after six hours of class.

Why not, instead of teaching how to serve alcohol safely, teach a class that offers how to throw a party with out alcohol? At least those who attend these parties will not have to visit the



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Jesse Allen Pfeiffer, who was the son of a Clackamas student, was killed by a drunk driver at 14 months.

"porcelain altar" most of the night or the next morning. They will also remember what they did and not have to worry about what they might have done.

Parties during the holidays are supposed to be fun and worry-free. Hosts and hostesses work hard on giving wonderful parties. One way they can reduce their stress is to not serve alcohol.

This will protect them from possible lawsuits. If someone leaves their party intoxicated and is injured in an accident, then they are responsible. Having designated

driver is a fine idea, but it is not 100% foolproof. The only way to have people (all of them) leave a party safely is not to serve alcohol.

There is more to be concerned about than just the safety of the partygoers. Most of the people involved in drunk driving accidents are the innocent—the children and parents coming home from Grandma's House. These are the ones that are maimed or killed because of alcohol being served at a party. It only takes one person leaving a party drunk to destroy an innocent family and their holiday season.

Maybe next year, instead of having a class on how to safely host an alcohol party, the school will promote a safe alternative to alcohol and parties.

There are ways of having one's favorite drinks without the alcohol. There are recipe books in the libraries. Check one out and keep everyone safe at your party.

The holiday season is just around the corner. Hopefully everyone will try to make wise decisions when it comes to throwing a party this season. Remember, no one plans on someone being injured or killed when alcohol is served; it happens because it was served. If you don't put bullets in a gun, it can't kill. If you don't serve alcohol, alcohol can't take a life.

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