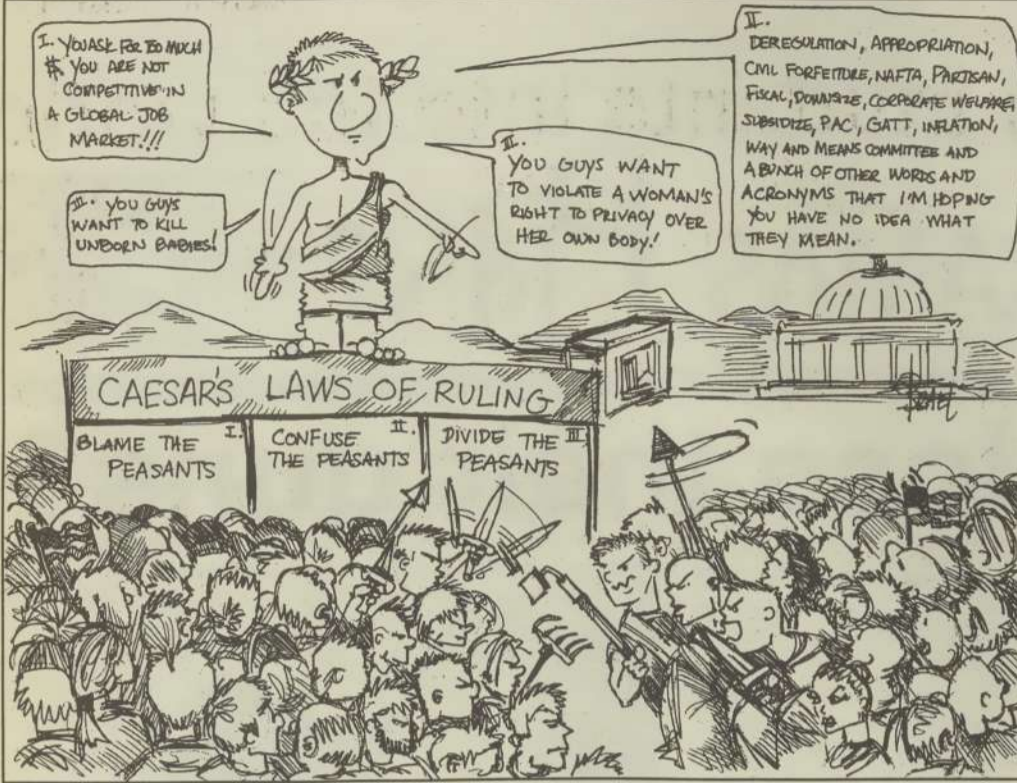


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Improve campus police

At the first public forum to discuss the future of Public Safety on campus, Dean of Student Services Peter Angstadt presented two alternative plans to our current commissioned police force that patrols

our campus and watches out for the welfare of the administration, staff, faculty, students and visitors. On the other side, according to Dean Angstadt, the hiring practices and training are not as good as they should be—as good as that which a Clackamas County Deputy receives. He suggests

The Sacred & The Profane

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One of the plans is causing increasingly emotional responses—

from the officers whose jobs are on the line, former officers now working as deputies, and from faculty and students who are worried that we are going to have less than outstanding protection that we now get from the officers sworn to protect us.

It is fair to say their concerns are valid. We do have an unusual arrangement compared to the public safety services provided at other community colleges around the state. We have sworn, armed officers with the training to respond to any situation that may arise—dangerous situations that may require the use of deadly force.

Students and their parents, we hope, realize our uniqueness and appreciate the difference it probably makes between the safety on our campus and say, campuses in areas closer to major metropolitan centers such as Portland.

The uniqueness is also a concern to the people who must administer the services this college provides. The force is unique in more ways than mentioned thus far. On one side we have an excellent police force providing a large margin of comfort and safety.

that the training should be, if we want to keep the force as we have it now.

But, as an alternative to that plan, Dean Angstadt says that we can still keep that high level of safety using other means, specifically, contracting the county to provide patrols by County Deputies, which is what other colleges do now. He also wants to know how we feel about this proposal.

This proposal, I feel, is adequate, but why settle for something that is perceived as second rate to what we have now?

I recommend that the administration continue with our commissioned public safety officers and implement the improvements necessary to bring them up to the standards of county deputies. I would also like to see that the public safety instruction we offer on campus be connected in some way so that we can take advantage of the situation.

By connecting the two, we may create and enhanced program appealing to students seeking officer training, and which reaps the benefits of a unique situation among community colleges.

Prices lowest in town

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A price increase of many items in Clackamas' cafeteria became effective Jan. 18.

"In the increase, we targeted certain items, but the price of the soda stayed the same," Cafeteria Manager Rick Traynor said.

Traynor emphasized that the overall increase is about 3 1/2 per cent.

A lot of things caused the price hike, such as inflation. This is the first increase in about two years.

"In the meantime, we had two wage increases. The hourly wage went up more than a dollar in the last two years; it is now \$6.50 per hour. Two-thirds of our employees are students, minimum wage employees," Traynor said.

Traynor feels that the cafeteria's prices are still lower than that of local establishments, like McDonald's, Burger King, and Wendy's. Could this price increase seriously affect students' ability to buy?

"I don't think that is necessarily true. The minimum wage is higher, the economy is better, so you make more money," said Traynor. "This price hike shouldn't hurt the students."

"There is a process we go through to the Students' Council, then the President's Council," Traynor continued. "After that, the school approves it. This price hike was approved last December."

The price of a small plate of salad was \$1.50, and now it is \$1.99.

"Different items are affected differently... produce has gone up in the last couple years exponentially higher than the price of meat," explained Traynor.

The food prices should remain the same for a year. What about

next year?

"We have a contract administrator; we submit our suggestions to them. They take it to the President's Council, and then they discuss it, after they render a decision," Traynor answered.

"Our price increase isn't any different than anywhere else. We have to stay afloat. It is still the best deal in town. For example, our country breakfast is \$3.09, consisting of a biscuit and gravy with two eggs, meat and hash browns; that is untouchable in town," Traynor said. "We are not making money hand over fist by any means."

He noted students can still buy a combo lunch for less than \$3.

"We pay the school a certain amount of money to operate here. We are open 'till 8 p.m. on weekdays, also on Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. till 1:30 p.m. but we lose our shirt on Saturdays," Traynor laughed.

Some students on campus have negative reactions to the changes.

"The changes are unfair, because they are taking certain items away. In the salad bar, if they raise the price, then they should keep the same stuff that is there," said Clackamas student Cindy Learch. "The cottage cheese isn't there anymore; now they have imitation butter—they used to have real butter. When the butter doesn't melt on your toast, it is not real butter."

Student Dena Seal agrees.

"I think [the price hike] stinks. It is outrageous. I was shocked; it is not fair. If they do a price increase, then they should do less than what they did. It should be done gradually, with more notice. A 33% increase—that's not right," said Seal.

Public Safety: No decision yet

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force is not ideal. There has been a rash of automobile break-ins and other related crimes since the safety department was decommissioned on the campus.

The administration at Mt. Hood has to call in the Gresham Police Department to patrol the lots.

"It's a real epidemic," said Jessica Blaschal, Co-Editor in Chief of the Advocate.

Whatever way the final decision goes, Angstadt stated empathetically that no decision has been reached yet.

"The campus as a whole is going to have to make that decision... I don't know the progression this is going to take for the future," said Angstadt.

"As the leader of the college, I ask that we approach [the decommissioning] in a manner that's constructive and positive," added LeDoux.

Chief of Public Safety Larry Dexheimer was unavailable for comment.

“This price hike shouldn't hurt the students.”
Rick Traynor
Cafeteria Manager

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