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## ASG hosts information luncheon

Clackamas President John Keyser and Associated Student Government (ASG) ambassadors met with campus leaders at a luncheon last Wednesday.

smokers to designated areas or banning smoking on campus altogether.

There was also talk about the defacing of posters/announcements. The larger concern is tolerance and diversity on campus.



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day, and in my opinion it was so informative (and the gathering over pizza so enjoyable) that it should be repeated every month or so.

It gave some of the student body an opportunity to know some things our student government is working on and talking about, in addition to the extraordinary efforts by ASG to get the Clackamas bond passed, and their ongoing work to provide childcare grants to Clackamas students who have children.

Will we be restricted from smoking on campus? Who knew that ASG is in serious discussion about smoking on campus? Apparently there is discussion about restricting

iversity on campus. Diversity is a reality. The challenge on campus is to embrace it, to make it a win-win proposition.

Why not regular reports on ASG action? Wouldn't it be nice if we had a luncheon like this once a month? Or if we, the student body, received at least a monthly report by ASG informing us what they are working on and talking about on our behalf?

Perhaps smokers would like to have their two cents considered before a new policy affecting them is enacted. That is another matter of tolerance, although smokers on campus probably deserve what they get, since they refuse to obey the liberal rules in place now,

and throw their butts everywhere but the many ashtrays, which is just inconsiderate and lazy. I am a smoker, and I don't (generally) throw my butts on the ground, and I shall be penalized with all you smokers who are less considerate.

Nevertheless, we deserve to be heard, and to be allowed warning, and perhaps a chance to mend our ways, before a broad, punitive policy is put in place by the majority on campus, the very intolerant non-smokers.

Why doesn't ASG share their goings on? The Print should not have to dig out all the news or discover it accidentally like we did at the luncheon. ASG should print a monthly newsletter to the student body disclosing what they are doing and discussing and inviting student body input on every subject that will affect us. Or at least ASG should make a monthly report through the Print.

What else is going on?

What else is going on that students don't know and might not like? Silence breeds ignorance and unaccountability, and the few making the rules for the many.

Read, listen, think; write us!

## Don't be a couch potato

All right, let's face it, we all do it, and oftentimes so much that it's not good for us. We know that it's basically a waste of time, but still it's hard to resist.

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## Follow the white rabbit



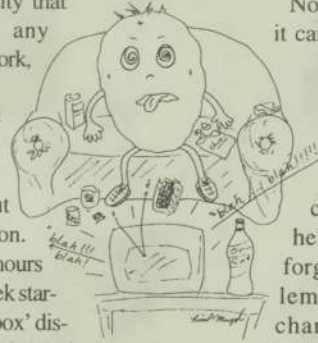
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Feature Co-Editor

If you don't know what I'm talking about then let me give you one more clue, it's an activity that doesn't require any physical or brain work, not really.

Everybody has probably figured out by now that I'm talking about watching television.

Most of us spend hours and hours each week staring into this 'little box' displaying thousands and thousands of 'magic images' every second.

If you just take the time to think about it for a minute, you might come to the same conclusion I did: it's a ridiculous and never-ending process of just sitting and staring. I know of people who spend hours each day just



## The Print is a student, not administration, paper

Last week a group of freethinking Clackamas students created and distributed unofficially a publication called *The Clackamas Counter*. It was made up of five opinions on subjects ranging from voting to the pointlessness of work. This same group distributed a similar publication last year calling themselves "Students for Democracy."

That a group of writers would bring together a collection of thoughts like this is laudable. Political comment like this is a breath of fresh air in this country where political rot is rampant. Individual voices need to be heard.

Publications like *The Clackamas Counter* may appear to be crude and hastily done, but amateur pamphlets written by Thomas Paine and other revolutionary writers spread ideas that kicked off the American Revolution.

*The Clackamas Counter*, however, is nothing like the work of Thomas Paine. It is made up of completely raw opinions, most of them unsupported and a few based on false assumptions.

Most of the opinions didn't even offer new ideas, but were merely critical - against last year's *Print* staff, the Associated Student Government (ASG) and the college administration.



Steve Nielsen  
News Editor

## On the contrary

For example, Caleb Gandy, in his piece "Clackamas Community Trade School," says that there is a "diminishing number of faculty." According to the CCC college profile, the number of faculty has been increasing since 1995 and has fluctuated by only four faculty members since 1997.

Former Clackamas student Glenn McCarthy, in his piece "A Vote for Nader, Is a Vote for Nader," cautions us to "not look for a quick fix to our current corporate fascist regime or all [we] will get is more thorough police state." A corporate fascist regime? A police state? Isn't that a little extreme?

Clackamas student Seth K. Thurete, in his piece "Prints Promise's (sic)" accuses *The*

*Print* of being a "not so cleverly disguised piece of administration propaganda." He also claims *The Print* "omitted facts relevant to published stories oftentimes to slant the stories... falsified facts... failed to uphold journalistic standards and ethics... and [was] a voluntary participant in the administration's agenda."

These claims are absolutely false.

To the contrary, the newspaper staff I have worked with eagerly seeks the facts and has no time or desire to plot elaborate schemes to carry out the administration's, or anyone else's, agenda. *The Print* also has an advisor to make sure that there is no libel in what the newspaper prints, and that the opinions remain on the opinion page.

Thurete closes his article with this statement: "Let [*The Print*] reflect genuinely student opinion, and not the administration's. After all, that is what a student newspaper is meant to do."

At least we agree on something. That's a great idea, but it's not an original one. Reflecting student opinion is not just what we're meant to do, it's what we're already doing.

## Israeli-Palestinian conflict ignites on campus

Last Thursday's "debate" on the conflict in Israel was extremely disappointing, with the hour-long mudslinging only helping to illustrate the problems between Israel and Palestine.

slides of the area, with detailed maps of Jerusalem. And in taking the position that the current uprising is Israel's fault, he constantly referred to his sources. It was unfortunate

## As I see it



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The room was full of people hoping to hear some of the history of this ongoing battle between the Israelis and Palestinians. What we actually saw was an hour of blame and name calling by two people who should know better.

Retired Clackamas instructor Dr. Donald Epstein seemed ill prepared to give a lecture. He never moved from his seat and had no notes to refer to. Not once did he back up his inflammatory statements about the Palestinians with any evidence.

The same cannot be said about Dr. Masoud Kheirabadi. A stack of notes six inches thick sat on the table next to him. He had overhead

tory remarks.

But the colloquium lacked structure. The "You tell your side, I'll tell my side" format is conflict inducing if not closely moderated. Epstein interrupted on several occasions, interrupting Kheirabadi to argue. Epstein should not have been allowed to interrupt as he did, yet only once was he in check by Moderator Bill Briare. His outbursts. Epstein yelled in at Kheirabadi during the debate. Afterwards, in the hall, at Briare's

It's unfortunate for everyone that the first colloquium of the year was integrated into insults and blaming. Students deserve better and will hopefully receive it in future lectures of this nature.

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