

Cracking down on crime at Clackamas

It's funny how I never really thought about crime at Clackamas until I started compiling information from Public Safety.

It bewilders me and frightens me at the same time. So far, all I've really reported on is cars

you're doing?" However, upon further pondering, an unarmed girl catching a possibly seasoned

into just the same. There are emergency phones located in the buildings and near the Community Center, but not anywhere close to the parking lots.

So what can we do? We need to ask more questions about our safety here. Yes, we have Public Safety and the Oregon City Police as well as the Clackamas County Sheriff's Department just moments away. We can learn self-defense techniques, scream loud (that will hopefully get someone to come running) and use the buddy system. When you leave this campus and are going out to your car, bring a friend, someone you can trust. Chances are a possible criminal may take on one, but two may be a little less likely.

Granted, all we've heard thus far are car break-ins, but I think it's time we as students, staff and faculty think about the safety of Clackamas as a whole, not only within the walls, but beyond them, where we may not be able to get help when it's needed, which is as soon as possible.

Say It Loud & Proud!



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criminal off-guard is not going to have pleasant results. I could take off running, but what if he or she catches me first. Maybe I'll be lucky and they'll run the other way. The perpetrator may just be another student who needed a little extra cash, not that you'd find anything of value in my car.

But let's keep this hypothetical situation going. My question is, if I've been attacked and am lying in the parking lot, what are my chances of getting help? Now, this is probably a worst-case scenario, but one that needs to be looked

being broken into. This is pretty disheartening because the majority of them are occurring in Barlow parking lot, which is where I park. I'd be seriously pissed if someone broke into my car, but I wonder more about the safety and well-being of the people on this campus. Let's get hypothetical here. What if I was here on one of my many late nights and parked way in the back where the light just barely touches my car and I came upon someone breaking into my car. Now, my first reaction would be "Hey, what the hell do you think

Harry Potter: fantasy versus reality

All over the world different perspectives clash over an unlikely idea—the reading of Harry Potter books.

In England, an elementary school teacher near London bans reading the books. The decision to play down books dealing with magic and ghosts was made by the school. Carol

Rookwood, the school's director in Chatham, says that ghosts aren't harmless and nice. The Bible is very clear in saying that sorcerers, devils and demons exist and are very real, powerful, and dangerous and that God's children should have nothing to do with them." In March at another English school there was another "Potter-banning."

As for New Zealand, in class teachers have forbidden the reading aloud of Potter books and sent a letter home to parents warning there might be discussions of such books in class.

In Germany, "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" has been renamed as "Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone." The word

for sorcerer is left off the book cover. They seem to be receiving it uncritically com-

What do you think?



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pared to the United States and other countries.

The United States continues the debate. In a Merritt Island church, a pastor made a one hour movie, called "Harry Potter: Witchcraft Repackaged- Making Evil Look Innocent." The film has been shown to hundreds of people. Associate Pastor Robert McGee wants parents "to see the truth about these books." The video says "children are being introduced to human sacrifice, the sucking of blood from dead animals and possession by spirit beings."

Elements in the books such as broomsticks and pointed hats are said to be references to the pagan religion, Wicca, which worships nature.

Roger Coleman, a Wiccan minister of a church in a town called Iron Oak, said that "it [the video] goes to great lengths to misinterpret and smear Wicca totally without justification." This would not be the first time in the United States that a book has been banned. Self-appointed morality watch dogs have been doing it for centuries. Mark Twain's "The Adventures

of Huckleberry Finn" was banned because it portrayed a friendship between a black slave and white boy. If banning books that deal with magic versus "reality" is what we are about to do, then why not ban all fairy tale stories such as "Snow White and the Seven Dwarves," "Sleeping Beauty," "Cinderella" and "Rapunzel"? Why not ban all J.R.R. Tolkien books or C.S Lewis books? No matter what you do, children will continue to use their imaginations. Parents and mentors need to let children talk about fantasy versus reality. When confronted with the question of Potter-bannings, I have to ask myself, do adults have a firm grip on reality versus fantasy?

Letter to the Editor...

Letter To The Print:

After reading last week's article "Terrorism Class on Hold, Instructors Needed," I thought I might help correct any misconceptions that the piece may have unintentionally created. That is, terrorism has two aspects. One is the criminal justice, law enforcement and emergency response aspect which is addressed in your article. However, you make no reference to the other aspect of terrorism which is the political, ideological and diplomatic side of this issue. The latter addresses the very reasons we have terrorist activity in the first place. So, I checked with political scientist Dean Darris and discovered that he teaches a class in Spring Term - PS 205 International Relations - that deals with the issues of terrorism as a substantial part of the curriculum. Also, given the current set of events and political situation, Dr. Darris intends to focus more attention on this subject. So, this aspect of terrorism is available at CCC for interested students.

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TERROR TRACKING

11/26/01

MAZAR-E-SHARIF, Afghanistan- Five Americans were wounded by a stray United States bomb when fighting with the Northern Alliance against Osama bin Laden's supporters.

TALOQAN, Afghanistan- A Swedish television journalist was killed early Tuesday in a robbery in northern Afghanistan.

HARLINGEN, Texas- Mexican and United States borders had a decline in people trying to go across the borders after the Sept. 11 attacks.

LOS ANGELES- The United States Coast Guard has a new security program and training was started in ports in California.

WASHINGTON- Marines enter Afghanistan to cut off escape routes for the Taliban.

WASHINGTON- Attorney General John Ashcroft won't release the names of suspects in the Sept. 11 attacks currently being detained because it would violate their right to privacy.

SOUTHERN AFGHANISTAN- United States Marines gained control of an outpost in Kandahar as Navy fighter jets attacked a convoy of armored enemy vehicles moving near the base in southern Afghanistan.

OXFORD, Conn.- No new evidence found in relation to the woman in Connecticut who died of anthrax.

ASUNCION, Paraguay- A Lebanese businessman suspected of having financial links to the Islamic militant group Hezbollah was detained.

WASHINGTON- A small group of journalists who went into southern Afghanistan with Marines on Monday were the first reporters the Pentagon has allowed to accompany United States troops into the country.

KOENIGSWINTER, Germany- Afghan factions can expect no aid for rebuilding their war-ravaged country unless they agree on a broad-based government, a senior United States official said Monday on the eve of U.N.-sponsored talks.

Official count of victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks:

NEW YORK: 3,553
World Trade Center: City officials say 1,284 are missing. The medical examiner's office has issued 453 death certificates. An additional 1,816 death certificates have been issued without a body, at the request of victims' families. The following includes passengers and crew on hijacked planes:

American Airlines Flight 11: 92
United Airlines Flight 175: 65
WASHINGTON: 189
Pentagon: 125
American Flight Airlines 77: 64
passengers and crew
PENNSYLVANIA: 44
United Flight Airlines 93: 44
passengers and crew
TOTAL: 3,786

Information compiled from KATU sources as well as The Oregonian.

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