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The Print endorses candidates and ballot measures

CANDIDATES

PRESIDENT – David Cobb (Pacific Green Party)
OREGON SENATOR – Ron Wyden (Democrat), due to a good record in the Senate, and the experience needed to get things done.
CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVE, 5TH DISTRICT – Darlene Hooley (Democrat) for leading in the fields of experience and vision.

MEASURES

MEASURE 31 – Yes; we cannot have positions run for unopposed due to the death of a candidate.
MEASURE 32 – Yes; the tax money can be best spent on what best serves the users of motor homes.
MEASURE 33 – No; would encourage drug dealing, and cause more harm than the good it would do to those who are on medical marijuana. Opposed also on the application, such as the loopholes in the text of the measure, which would not require those selling to less than 10 patients to keep records of their sales.
MEASURE 34 – Yes; it would help to lead to responsible management of forests and other natural resources, and help to manage the rest to best suit logging needs.
MEASURE 35 – No; it is wrong to decrease accountability of doctors for their mistakes. Also, in practice, health insurance rates have not been lowered due to similar bills in other states.
MEASURE 36 – No; regardless of one's stance on the gay and lesbian lifestyle, it is wrong to impose restrictions on one group that are not imposed on another, because separate cannot be equal. A deciding factor for some staff members was that currently same sex couples are allowed no equality under the law, such as the ability to see each other in the hospital should it be needed.
MEASURE 37 – No; it would cost too much for the government to implement and would do more harm than good. Although a good gesture, compensation would needlessly increase costs for the state.
MEASURE 38 – No; SAIF (State Accident Insurance Fund) must stay. If SAIF is abolished and the fund is sold, it could create a dangerous monopoly where an accountable government fund once was.

Bias on campus
 All views need to be voiced

Becky Wiley
 Staff Writer

With elections peaking just around the corner, Clackamas Community College has become a main target of political representation. Political booths set around the Community Center, have become a common spectacle since the first day of school. However, these booths only represent one side of the political story.

Signs posted up around campus have been anything but pro-Bush. I have seen a number of posters asking if you know who you are voting for or if you are gay or lesbian, encouraging students to attend a meeting to help them find out. It is nobody's business but your own to know the answers to these questions.

Alongside the booths, I have heard chanting from liberal students with such song lyrics as "Vote for Kerry" and "Anyone who votes for Bush is a moron." Does anyone dare to challenge them? This type of political action only serves to humiliate those who have an opposing viewpoint.

The administration of this college needs to be careful what they allow on campus. It seems to me they are close to, if not already, violating the ORS 254.470, which states, "Any person who, by force or other means, unduly influences an elector to vote in any particular manner or to refrain from voting, is subject, upon conviction, to imprisonment or to a fine, or both."

Walking around campus is like walking into a circus tent of liberals. The whole anti-Bush, anti-war, anti-this and anti-that has come to the point where it is boiling over. We seem so negative about everything with an "anti" look into politics. Negative politics are not what we need to hear.

Clackamas has become a victim for anything liberal. Not once have I seen a supportive sign for our current president or our

troops in Iraq. Without both political parties being represented, these liberal booths, signs, and posters are influencing students with a bias perspective. Though the college may not be directly related to these, they do allow them on campus. Therefore, if there is no equal representation of both political parties, then no side should be allowed on campus.

University students are most likely living on the campus and are able to enter into such political meetings as College Republicans or College Democrats. Because Clackamas is such a small campus, students do not have the option in partaking in a number of political events. Clackamas students are subject to what is shown to them on campus. This campus looks as if they only represent a liberal point of view.

Again I stress that both sides of political parties need to be represented on campus. Students need to see the entire picture before deciding on who and what to vote for. Students at Clackamas are not here for any political direction, they are here for the general purpose of education.

Conservative people are known to be reserved and like to work in a way that does not publicly humiliate others. With this article, I'd like to challenge all the conservative students out there to show your support and give this campus a second point of view. I pass the torch to you, so let's see some action.

Editor's note:

As of press time, we were unable to find any liberal posters or propaganda. On the contrary, the only signs on campus were those advocating the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, the Campus Crusade for Christ and the George W. Bush School of Government. This does not discredit the argument of the writer, as the CCC campus is liberal in its political persuasion.

Start small to break the ~~one~~ two-party system

Ben Maras
 The Clackamas Print

The following is a public service announcement for anyone who plans to vote for a third party presidential candidate this year: Don't. I hate to be the party pooper (pun intended), but voting for a third party candidate may be great if looked at ethically, but pragmatically, it begins to break down.

I'm not here to argue against the idea of third parties—far from it. I probably want to see the abolishment of the one — I mean — two-party system more than anyone. The current system is stricken with corruption and mediocrity in so many ways, and it desperately needs to be repaired, but there is a more practical way to go about it (which I will get to in a minute).

The problem with voting in

third party candidates is that they would not be able to do anything. It is no secret to anyone that the minority party in the House and Senate has a difficult time doing anything, due to the immense partisan division that's plaguing Capital Hill. It is also no secret that a president of the opposite party will have a hard time getting anything done, also due to childishly partisan behavior.

This said, can one see the problem that say, Michael Badnarik, the Libertarian Presidential candidate, would have as president? Too leftist to be a Republican on social issues, but too in love with the free market system to be a Democrat on economic issues, who would play nice with Badnarik? He would be looked upon as a complete failure for his inability to get much passed in Congress, unless there was another terrible disaster which

would bring the country together by force (we can only hope that that won't ever happen again).

Because of the system of checks and balances, this would make it impossible for such a person to actually do anything in office (while keeping with their morals) despite the best of intentions.

Now one may say that picking a third party presidential candidate sends a strong message and that is true, but once again, it's all a matter of how the argument breaks down. Although voting for a third party candidate may send a powerful message, we must remember the partisan divide, which would make politicians less likely to listen to those of other parties.

It may sound like a hopeless trap, but there is, as I see it, a solution: start small. Electing a third party Representative (be it at the

state or even federal level) sends as big of a message on the community level and is more practical. Furthermore, those who are unfamiliar with—or even (gasp) closed minded—to the idea would get to experience a Green, Libertarian, Reform or even Constitution party member firsthand in political office. After they have experienced a member of said parties in office, it will not be a matter of electing an untried candidate who has no record to show for in such a high-stakes position.

Change will not come fast, but starting small at the state level is the only way to make real change, and avoid taking two steps forward and one step back. Right now the political world needs baby-steps, because these so-called "grown-ups" have gotten us in a big enough mess that it must be fixed, and they must be given a long time-out.

Speed bumps save students from (w)reckless drivers

I would like to respond to the new speed bumps article. My name is Keoni McHone, and I am the distance running coach here. I have a vested interest in the fact that they are as large as they are.

My team runs workouts in various areas on campus. We compete with vehicles driving 40 MPH on Douglas Loop as they

cut between Hwy. 213 and Beaver Creek. In fact, I saw an SUV fly through Douglas Loop as I ran in the early hours where vision is relatively low.

I remember seeing the first impact the speed bumps made. We do a workout up by the recreational soccer fields where they put in a couple of new speed bumps. The regulars on Douglas

Loop kept scraping as their cars landed on the other side, because they were driving over the posted speed limit of 20 MPH. I thought it was hilarious. That is what they get for driving too fast, especially past 15 athletes running a workout along the road.

I would really hate to see one of my athletes get hit by a person who is driving too fast on a col-

lege campus that has a significant amount of pedestrian traffic. Sincerely, Keoni McHone

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STUDENT POLL:
 Do you think that CCC is biased?



"I don't think they are biased."
 Alex Mosbe



"I'm still undecided."
 Stephanie Dyke



"As far as I've seen, Clackamas is one of the most laid back campuses I've been to."
 Brittany Fiori



"No. You have free choice, class hours, and views."
 Ryan Brophy



"I think they are a little biased. It seems like they and instructors conform to what they can teach."
 Tyrell Jensen



"You can express your views [here]. People are biased."
 Jimmy Crist