

Election breakdown: ASG candidates pledge serv

Latisha Burley: ASG vice president



BURLEY

I will:
- Listen to you
- Represent you
- Be fair, honest and open

My experience:
- CCC ASG Administrative Assistant, 2007-2008
- 4.0 high school GPA, two-year ASB president, valedictorian
- 2005 Hugh O' Brian Youth Leadership Alumni
- Clackamas County Young Leaders Program, 2005-2006
- Foundation for Rural Services trip to Washington, DC, learning about telecommunications
- National Honor Society Vice President, 2006-2007
- Key Club Treasurer, 2005-2006, and Treasurer/Vice President, 2006-2007

Clackamas Students,
If I had to pick one important issue that this college faces, I'd say it is student involvement. Coming from Associated Student Government, it can be challenging to capture the participation of students on campus. There has to be a way to conquer this task, and I have a few suggestions.

ASG's job is to provide opportunities, but I would like to see more input from students of what they want to see happen. While talking to students, I found the reason people don't get involved is because the activities that they'd enjoy are not offered. Student input is crucial!

I would also like to see ASG's president and vice president make quarterly visits to the clubs' meetings to see what their advice is. They should focus on offering students more options and raising the awareness of each opportunity. Suggestion boxes could be revamped to encourage students' proposals.

College is all about making the most of this season of life. It's during this time that students decide who they're going to be for the rest of their lives. Whether you are a still in high school and enrolled here or you are taking a few classes to finish up your degree, this is your chance to take advantage of all this school offers. Like all the fliers say, CCC is the "smart" choice, so why not make the "smart" choice and make the most of your time here?

It may be more convenient to come to school, attend to class and go home, but ASG is here to make your experience the best it can be. On the way to your next class, stop by the Community Center and drop off a suggestion. Give us your thoughts, give us your ideas and we'll give you a great college experience!

Michael Vu: ASG presidential candidate



VU

Experience:
- 2007-2008 ASG senator and officer (campus activities)
- 4.0 Clackamas Community College GPA, 89 Credits
- Four-year class officer, Canby High School

Qualities:
- A "listen first, then act" leader
- Reliable, open, honest, hard-working and passionate
- Care deeply about helping students

Goals:
- Get more students involved

Clackamas Students,
Let's work together, you and me. As president, I want to collaborate and make change happen.

First off, I would like to increase the communication between you all, my fellow classmates, and the student government. Our job is to provide services and, more importantly, a voice for you to our college administration.

As president, I will serve as an active "middle-man" between the students and the college administration. I will always be gauging what you all want/need and communicate that to the administration.

The student government also needs to hear feedback from you, so that we can make changes, hear more feedback and make more changes. We are representing you, so we need to hear what you have to say. This invitation is for any and all of you who would like to be heard.

An action step to move toward this goal is to have a way for the students to communicate to the student government. In this day and age, we will likely move toward a more technological stance to reach you all.

What do you think about an online blog/forum, where you could voice your opinions about what can be done differently? Would you use it? What if the student government could remind you of upcoming activities, or ways to have fun and get involved? What do you think? Let me know; you can find me in the ASG office.

Related to that, I would also like to increase your involvement here. There are many students who go to class for a couple hours and then just head home until they have class the next day.

There's really more to be experienced in college. If you are looking for something more to do, you should be given that opportunity. In order to accomplish this, student government should have a student recruitment department to get in touch with any and all students who want to get involved.

All in all, Clackamas Community College is a great place, and it has vast opportunities, but we need to all pitch in and make it the best place for us, in whatever way, shape or form. Let's make CCC the place to be.

Jayc Izso: ASG presidential candidate



IZSO

Who is Jayc Izso?

I have been a student at CCC for four terms and have thoroughly enjoyed every one of them. The grim reality of the situation is that I have realized that the system by which students are "governed" is flawed. Now I'm running for ASG to rectify the issues that are currently dictating how student sentiment is being conducted.

Why vote for Jayc?

- To prevent the misrepresentation of students and quiet funds they supply ASG with.

- To make this a student-run government, not one based on the foundation of pseudo-nobility.

- Let's be honest; over 75 percent of students don't know we have a student government or simply don't care. It is the time to have someone who wants to actually majority their due.

- He's just an average guy, works a full-time job, school full-time and understands the stressors of a student.

- It's time for the system to evolve.

The truth of the matter is at least 80 percent of the students on this campus have no knowledge that the Associated Student Government even exists. Sure, we in the ASG pretend like they do; in fact, we call ourselves "student representatives." But how can we possibly represent the average student when only 200 out of 30,000 actually vote?

To put it simply, we can't.

It is because of this very issue that we arrive at the reality at which we are now faced. Tuition is increasing; book prices are as high as ever, and instead of spending the ASG funds - student-supplied money - on scholarships and better food options, we decide to throw the money away on cotton and barbecues.

The truth is, the college is struggling. Enrollment is down and, thus, one of the primary sources of the college's income

is being forced to pay. A lot of people ask me why I'm running. The simplest answer I can give is that I don't like the way things are done at CCC. I'm sure, with a little information, the student would find that either. Many of us instructors on this campus, frankly, they're being affected by the poor administration as well.

I encourage students involved with the ASG on this issue; after all, the teachers, mentors and advisors. What, with another increase of \$5 per hour, the horizon, and the serious that the college (go figure), it's time to have a voice.

I'm Jayc Izso, and you want things to change, they are, don't vote!

ASG Elections:

Vote online at clackamas.edu on Wednesday, May 7, or Thursday, May 8.

CLINTON: wife's campaign issues discussed on platform last Saturday

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"We have to create more jobs in this economy if we expect incomes to go up, and we have to address the cost problems of America, which are energy, healthcare and higher education," he said in regards to how America should rebuild the economy.

"She (Hillary) has the best plan to produce jobs in the only way that all these countries that are succeeding are producing them today," he added.

Edwards asserts that Hillary Clinton is "the most experienced" of the candidates.

"Hillary has years of public service, relationships with leaders around the world and a proven record of fighting for working families," she said. "She is the only candidate who has proposed a universal healthcare plan, and she is the only candidate to put forward a detailed plan specifically addressing Oregon policy priorities."

Clinton has created an Oregon Compact that involves goals for the state of Oregon. She has requested two debates with rival Democratic candidate Barack Obama sometime before Oregon's May 20 primary election. One of

the debates will discuss challenges facing rural Oregonians.

The public can go to Clinton's Web site, www.hillaryclinton.com, to sign a petition to make a debate between Clinton and Obama in Oregon possible. The site details issues Clinton supports, her personal history and how to become a volunteer for her campaign or donate money to the cause.

"Our country needs a strong, experienced leader to put us back on the track of peace and prosperity after seven years of failed Bush administration policies," Edwards said. "Hillary Clinton is the candidate who can do that."

Attendees of the event included voters who are similarly confident in Clinton's abilities as a leader.

"She is, by far, the best candidate," Dan Domenigoni said. "She is the most presidential out of the candidates."

Another audience member, Terri Domenigoni, said, "She is bright and politically aware."

Bill Clinton also addressed his wife's character, assuring the crowd of her dependability.

"You will never worry that she will not be there for you," he said.

SMOKERS: education and enforcement the key to

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All of this, however, doesn't seem to deter students from smoking, Fender pointed out.

"Scare tactics don't work," she said. "The bottom line is that they're addicted."

Students on campus who smoke do so for a variety of reasons.

Giovanni, a 16-year-old student who did not want his last name used, says that he has been smoking for two years. He started due to troubles within his family, as well as because all of his friends smoked.

With no plans to quit anytime in the near future, Giovanni sees it this way: "You only get one life. Might as well live it up."

Another student, Nate Young, now of legal age, has been smoking since he was 14 years old and attributes his starting the habit to "just being stressed out."

"My friends told me to try it," he said. "It probably kept me out of jail a couple of times."

For Young, smoking relieves aggression. Clackamas' security

officials were unwilling to comment about underage smoking at the college, but a search through the Department of Public Safety shift logs on campus showed no citations issued to minors for tobacco use within the months of March and April.

Even though, recently, students have not had severe disciplinary steps taken against them for smoking, this does not mean that security is not on the lookout for violators.

Student Zack Brooks has been carded on campus.

"We had security guards, yesterday, check our IDs," Brooks said.

Brooks sees no problem with people smoking on campus as long as they stay out of traffic areas. He thinks it's rather trivial when individuals who are on the verge of adulthood get into legal trouble for lighting up.

He does, on the other hand, see something wrong with youth of a certain age doing so.

"It's ridiculous how early people are starting," he said.

Brooks recalled an

instance when he approached a kid for a pack. When asked how old he was, he said he was 12.

Stories like these are proof of a culture where whatever interest is going to happen before it reaches the age of 17 years old.



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