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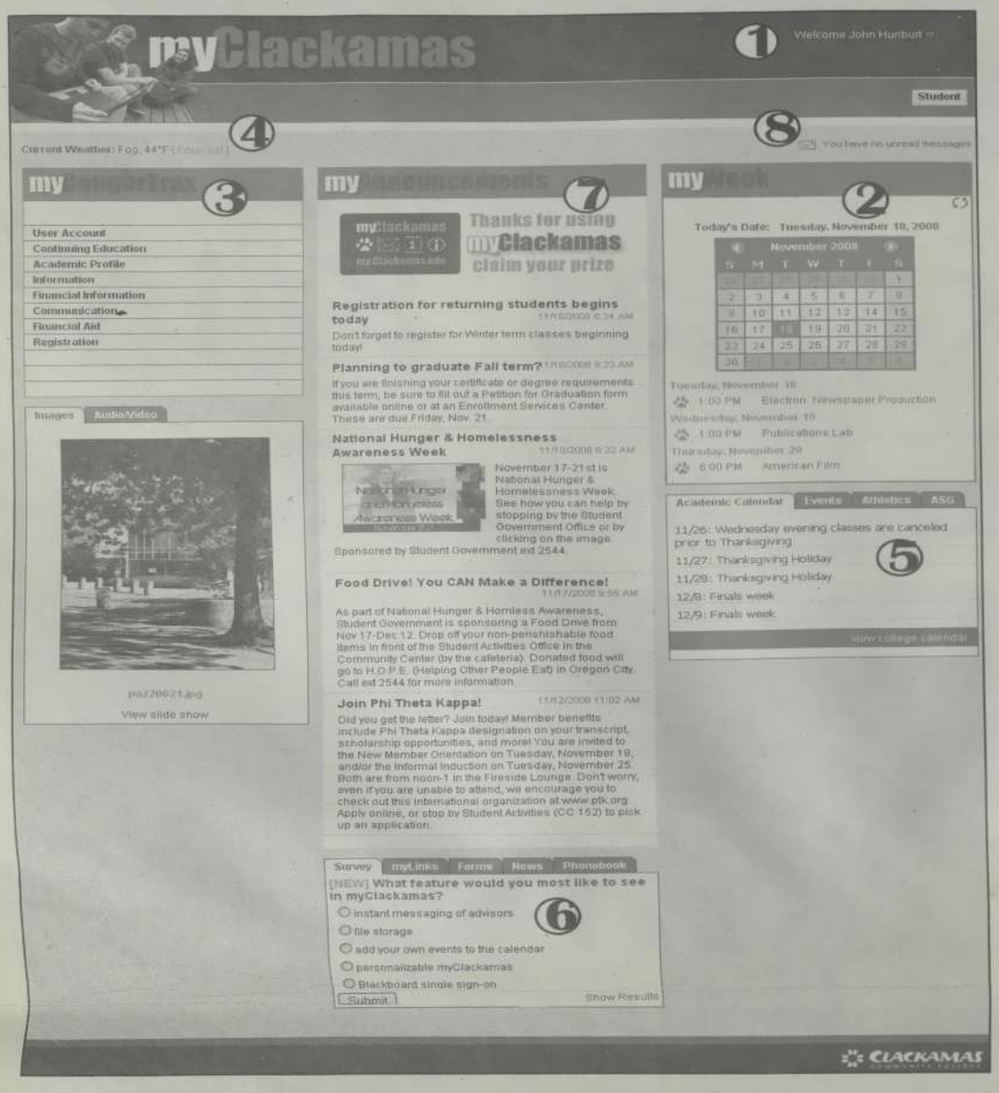

1. Welcome: Already this is better than AOL — n telling me I have anything. Clicking on this bu up a menu with links that will let you logoff, s users, contact the administrator and access "My Under "My Settings," a myriad of alerts can b let you know when nearly anything of the Web changed.

2. My Week: Oh shit! I just missed my class — s way too much time on my computer searching – I mean a job. At least I know where my class teaching it and what time it's at. Since I can cli date to find out what my schedule is that day – happen again.

3. My CougarTrax: All the fun and innovative fe offered in CougarTrax now in easy to access d Now I can instantly access how bad my grades then send an e-mail explaining why I am on a probation to my parents.

4. Current Weather: It's gonna rain! For the nex that is, but after that you can find out the two-d by clicking on the forecast link.

5. Calendars: Stalking favorite sports players w easier now, thanks to the sports calendar that s the Cougars' upcoming games. If you don't c athletics just click on a different tab and you c upcoming events, an academic calendar and k ASG's latest shindigs.

6. Others: Who doesn't love surveys? Or is rec about the school more your thing? If you're n there's even a list of forms you can fill out, as staff phonebook and a section where you can favorite links – a.k.a. the Web site that made y class in the My Week section.

7. My Announcements: Well they're not really it is kind of nice to know what's going on. Th play that highlights certain deadlines and even taking place on campus.

8. E-mail: It's still empty – maybe if I keep clic get some mail. Mail! Damn it, it's spam. Thi you to your e mail hosted by Windows Live When signing in the first time, you will have information for about two minutes, but after t in is as easy as clicking.

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Letter to the Editor: ASG transparency in questi

I am writing in concern to the article "Questions about ASG transparency raised again," written by Lydia Bashaw in the Nov. 12 issue of ***The Print***.

As a student, I am concerned about the validity of objections to students' presence in a uniform meeting raised by ASG.

Associated Student Government is supposed to be subject to all state and federal laws as they are supposedly a governing body. Yet, they claim they do not have to follow Oregon State Meeting Laws.

"In a letter addressed to Dean of Student Services Bill Zuelke, Karen M. Vickers of Mersereau & Shannon, LLP, wrote that Clackamas' student government does not need to hold open meetings because they do not hold make recommendations to any committee or board at Clackamas."

I would like to know what ASG considers "recommendations." As a student government, aren't they supposed to represent the interests of the student body and relay or "recommend" them to the Clackamas officials? If they claim they aren't doing that, then what the hell do they do?

According to the Oregon Public Meeting Laws, "'Governing body' means the members of any public body which consists of two or more members, with the authority to make decisions for or recommendations to a public body on policy or administration."

So, as representatives of the student body with the authority to make decisions for us, they are obligated to follow these laws.

What disturbs me the most is the fact that ASG claims protection under the very state laws that hold them responsible. ORS 192.630 concerning "Meetings of governing body to be open to public; location of meetings; disabled access; interpreters," in subsection two clearly states, "No quorum of a governing body shall meet in private for the purpose of deciding on or deliberating toward a decision on any matter except as otherwise provided by ORS 192.610 to 192.690." The laws stated concern issues such as labor negotiations.

The subject of the meetings in question, pertaining to the decision to approve a club constitution, in no way fall under the exemption of this law; ASG had no right to ask students to leave for a meeting that was making a decision about a public matter.

As for the claim that, "Of the 17 community colleges in Oregon, Clackamas' ASG is the only one that does not follow Oregon Public Meeting Laws," maybe it's just me but that seems both suspicious and appalling. What would a community college have to be so secretive about, especially from the very students they claim to represent? I think maybe ASG has gotten too arrogant about the authority and power they have at CCC.

I urge our administration to look into this secretive and sketchy behavior of a supposed student representation body.

—Andrea Simpson

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"Why would a small community college student government want to hide from the students they represent?"
Alan Paige
Student

ASG Public Relations Senator Emily Smith stands at the microphone to contest a point made by student Jaye Tate.

Correction

In a Nov. 12 story regarding cancelled classes, *The* incorrectly reported the number of classes in the sp department. Thirteen classes in the sports depar were on the verge of being cancelled.

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