Students respond to underage drinking

Editors,
Yes, it is true, we all have a right to our privacy, but if you want your private life to stay that way, then posting pictures on Facebook that are questionable is not a smart way to go about it. Leaders should be examples to the ones they lead. By posting images of underage drinking, they are not only showing that they don't care to uphold the law, but they appear proud of their actions.
In short, if they are underage and want to drink – stay away from the camera.

Chelsea Collard
Student

To *The Clackamas Print*,
When you are someone who is in ASG you are a role model and modeling drinking pictures online so everyone can see, probably isn't the best idea. If you're going to be drinking, leave it private, or don't post pictures on a public page. If your Facebook or MySpace page is blocked, then I don't know what to tell you. Posting it in the Clackamas Print isn't the best way of going about solving this problem either. But then again, is it really a problem if the drinking is responsible, and has no attachment to school?

Summer Thielen
Student

Dear Editors,
I just read the article; I am very disgusted that you would use someone's profile on a social networking site as a means of information. Though you included the comments of various ASG representatives, you should not have run this story in the first place. And, I really think that there should be some kind of reprimand against you for running a non-school related story and broadcasting a private issue to the whole student body.
Shame on you and where are your morals? Where is your conscience? *I can*'t wait until the day you do something shameful and a student decides to tell the world. If it's a rumor then that's fine with you right? No harm, no foul? Like I said students are going to look out for ASG. The rest of the student body is probably outraged at the contents of your article. I suggest a retraction in the next issue.

Toby Gibson
Student

Editors,
After reading the article about ASG members' underage drinking, I find it hard to believe that people in their position would do that. They are in a leadership position and should set a good example for those still underage.
I am glad this article was included, because whether or not the college decides to take action, the ASG members did something illegal and it should be noticed because of their position. They shouldn't expect to get away with breaking the law, even if it didn't have anything to do with the college. If they don't think drinking underage is wrong and they want it to be a private issue, then they shouldn't post pictures on Facebook.

Sadie Teytmeier
Student

Dear Editor,
I was appalled when I read about the ASG members participating in underage drinking and even allowing it!
These people represent the college, and are supposed to be setting an example to the students and everyone on campus with how they conduct themselves – whether it is on campus or not.
Underage drinking is illegal. Supplying alcohol to those underage is illegal. Shirking it off as they have is wrong.
If one of them uses illegal drugs at home but not on campus, does that mean it should not be looked at? This is the same thing. Illegal activity by any of them should not be allowed and there should be consequences.
And as for them mentioning that they are members of this college and ASG members as well, that does not look good on our college.

Rose Lefebvre

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Student leaders' underage drinking causes campus buzz

Campus split whether student representatives' underage drinking is an issue

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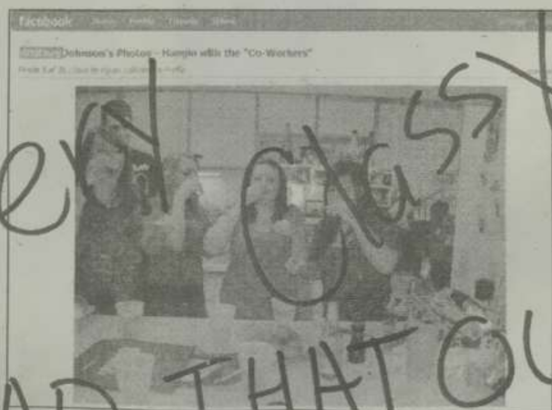

From left to right, ASG members B[illegible] Riggs, Alyssa Fava, Whitney Johnson, Quyen Thoi and Jen Borowczak take shots of tequila at a get together in a private residence while Kyle Doran looks on.
Screen shot from Johnson's Facebook page

After incriminating photos of Associated Student Government members drinking underage at a party surfaced on Jan. 1[illegible], the college community began questioning whether student leaders should be held accountable for their illegal actions off campus.
The photos which were posted to Grants Officer Whitney Johnson's Facebook page depicted several underage ASG members taking shots of alcohol in a private residence. The album named, "Hanging with the 'Co-Workers'" depicted Sanders, Campus Activities Officer Kyle Doran, Senators Narci Carlson and Quyen Thoi, Senators at Large Jennifer Borowczak and Greg Roberson, along with Student Outreach Event Coordinator Alyssa Fava and Johnson all in attendance at the party. In two photos, Johnson, Fava, Sanders, Thoi, Borowczak and Doran are seen with drinks in hand. Borowczak and Doran are the only two of legal age to drink.
In the comments section below a photo of Sanders, Fava, Thoi and Borowczak taking shots, Borowczak commented on Jan. 20, "Mmmm. That was good tequila." The photos were removed sometime later in the week when word had spread of their existence.
On the front page of her [illegible] as well as being a member of ASG[illegible]
The photos were first received by *The Print* [illegible] on Jan. [illegible] from an anonymous source. After the investigation in which the photos were found, members of *The Print* approached ASG on Wednesday, Jan. 28, at their weekly meeting and asked for comment.
Johnson in a typed statement delivered to *The Print* on Thursday, Jan. 29, said, "What took place was in no way [illegible] private lives should in no way affect how they are treated on [illegible]"

"It wasn't on school time and had no ties to the college what-soever..."
Alyssa Fava
Student Outreach Events Coordinator

[illegible] Vu and Sanders also maintained the statement that the event occurred off campus and was in no way [illegible]
"This was not an ASG event," said Vu.
Members of the Clackamas administration have [illegible] the [illegible] statements, [illegible] gal action in their [illegible]
[illegible] Last spring, student Benjamin Caldwell was expelled from Clackamas and taken into custody after posting [illegible]
When asked whether he should have been accountable for those statements, Dean of Student Services Bill Zuelke said that people should be aware of how open the internet is and that what Caldwell did was illegal.
"If you post something illegal on the Web and expect it to be private... you can't yell 'Fire!' [illegible] only kidding,'" Zuelke said.

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Whitney Johnson's homepage on Facebook states her age, her student government involvement and an interest in beer pong. Johnson's page was the gateway to the questionable photos which were posted in a photo album on Jan. 18.
Screen shot from Johnson's Facebook page

The good the bad and the ugly of using social networking

John Hurlburt
News Editor

Social networking has become a sword thrust into the bellies of everyone who uses it, or at least, that seems to be the image it has obtained in the media.
The reality is social networking sites, among the most popular Myspace.com and Facebook.com, can be both a way to tarnish your reputation or harness new opportunities.
Social networking sites are a place online where people can create personal profiles and add other profiles as friends or just chat with others.
David Blessman, department chair of the careers and resource center, says that there are risks and rewards to social networking.
"70 percent of people get their jobs through social networking," Blessman said.
According to Blessman this is one of the obvious advantages of social networking. People in search of a job can create a network of business associates with which they can share information about the industry, and find people who may even know of available [illegible]
[illegible] the main objective [illegible] networking can be fickle, though, even on a professional level. Although it can be a way to get information and job opportunities, future employers and colleges know that with people spending more time on social networking sites, people are giving away more information about themselves online as well.
"Employers are checking your Internet reputation online," Blessman explained.
Whatever you post online can be viewed by nearly anyone with an inclination to look. Businesses, schools and even police are able to view, and do view, what people post online.
Bill Zuelke, dean of student services, understands fully the importance of what you put out about [illegible] online.
"People think there [illegible] confidentiality on the Web," Zuelke said adding, "If [illegible] Web, it's public."
[illegible] to Zuelke, when a business, [illegible] school or even some scholarships are looking for a candidate, they will often search someone's online reputation in order to better understand who they are about to put their effort or money into.
While working for the University of Portland, Zuelke himself would check up on people's Internet reputations while he was going through the hiring process.
"I Googled people's names when they were applying for jobs and it would impact my opinion," Zuelke explained.
Both Blessman and Zuelke agree that when your employers and scholarship granters look for a candidate, they want to make sure they are a person of good character.
"If you do something that besmirches your character, I think it will impact your chances (of being chosen), especially competing against someone who doesn't have something up there," Zuelke explained referring to what people post on their social networking profiles.
Sometimes the consequences of what people post online are much direr than just whether or not they are getting a job.

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Handwritten across the clipping: Very Classy SAD THAT OUR SCHOOL'S PAPER Has turned into this Yellow Journalism

Delivered to *The Print* via intercampus mail on Feb. 10

Editors,
While I agree with the quote, "If an ASG member is in their own home [drinking]... I could care less." I also think the actions done by these students were a mistake and did not represent the student body in a positive way. Even so, everyone makes mistakes, and these student leaders just need to re-evaluate their choices/actions. And, they can start by not posting photos such as these on Facebook.

Brandon Wilcox
Student

To the Editors,
Private lives are private lives.
These student leaders who were "caught" drinking should be left alone. The drinking occurred off campus, on their time.
I personally feel if you are old enough to die for your country, you should be old enough to drink legally. Come on folks, leave these young adults alone. What anyone does on their own time is not anyone else's business. Why don't we all be happy they are in school and not out robbing your house because they are hooked on meth? Get a grip and mind your own business.

Paul Schwietert
45 year old part-time student and father

Board of Education to discuss tuition increase tonight

The Clackamas Board of Education is set to discuss the possible tuition increase for Spring term this evening, Feb. 11 in the Bill Brod Community Center. The meeting begins at 5 p.m. and lasts until 10 p.m.
Any one with comments can sign up to speak during the "Comments from Citizens" portion of the session. The Board of Education meetings are always open to the public and occur monthly.