

Cake eaten for Darwin-Lincoln

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Abraham Lincoln and Charles Darwin were both born on Feb. 12, 1809, and last Thursday the college celebrated their bicentennial. The event was held in McLoughlin Hall and featured a number of speakers. Jackie Flowers and Bob Bryant-Trerise gave a history on the lives of Lincoln and Darwin, and explained how there are many myths about them, such as that Lincoln's intent to fight the Civil

War was to free the slaves. In fact, he was just trying to keep the Union intact, regardless of whether or not the slaves could be freed.

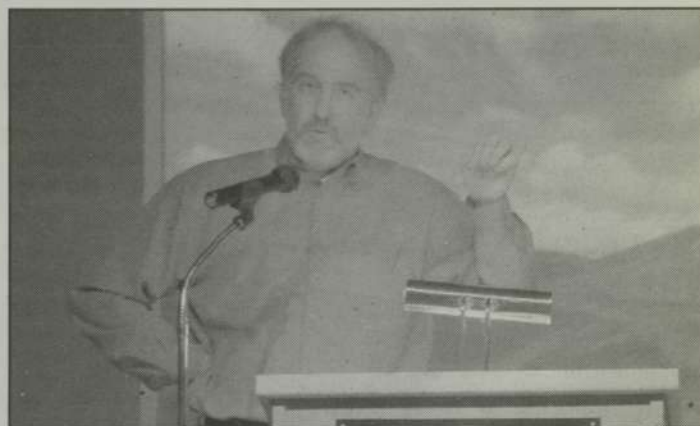
How myths arise was discussed by Instructor James Bryant-Trerise. While myths don't really tell us anything about the person the myth is about, it does tell a lot about the people who started the myth.

Polly Schultz explained popular myths about evolution, and talked about how survival of the fittest would never work, because a species that cannot ensure survival of its offspring is doomed to

extinction.

The final speaker was Instructor Dean Darris, who explained why Lincoln's presidency is still relevant today, because he really reshaped the office of the presidency, and really brought the union together as a whole. Instead of people being just loyal to their state, they became loyal to the entire country.

The event was concluded with two cakes for Lincoln and Darwin, one chocolate and one vanilla. Bill Briare, who hosted the event, noted he would leave it up to the attendees to determine which cake was for Lincoln and



BRYANT-TRERISE

COMMENTARY



Budget carves at the heart of campus

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If you are a student at Clackamas Community College, and you have not been hiding under a rock the last six months, you have probably heard about the college's financial problems. Let me make this clear, the current situation is unprecedented – there just is not enough money to support all the programs you and every other student have come to expect here.

Cutbacks have been made. Cutbacks are being made. Cutbacks will be made. The only other alternative to cuts are increases in revenue, and since the state is not going to be giving more money to Clackamas, tuition is the primary flexible source of new cash. Heavy tuition increases do not seem like a good, let alone even remotely viable option for most students.

So, what to do about all of this? In short, I am not entirely sure. But, there are certainly some things I would consider changing.

Perhaps, those at the top of the pay pyramid like the deans or those in the administration here should consider not just waiving their cost of living increase, but even taking a pay cut. If such a pay cut saves other individuals jobs, and helps maintain the integrity of the institution as a whole, then it is probably a good idea. Those with the most should be able to sacrifice the most. If you are making \$180,000 a year, a 10 percent pay cut is not going to be as much of a loss in quality of life for you, as an individual who only earns \$50,000 a year, and also receives a 10 percent pay cut.

As much as it pains me, some classes are more important than others. Classes core to an individual's degree have a greater necessity than classes that would only count as an elective. It is a cold and unfortunate reality. Many of those fun electives may just need to go, but hopefully they will be gone only temporarily. When times are tough, people often have to cut back on luxuries – you don't go out to eat dinner every night when you are worried about losing your job and you have had your hours cut back. To save the institution, some parts of the institution will have to be lost.

Certain organizations on campus that use money from fees may also need to be cut. Already, tutoring departments have faced some losses, and unfortunately, the near future does not promise improvement. Clackamas is first and foremost an academic institution – tutoring departments are the last of the organizations that ought to have their funding reduced. Frankly, we don't need barbecues. We don't need a hosted dinner for clubs at a restaurant every year. Most likely, we don't need such an expansive, and yet so often irrelevant student government. Now, I am not going to go on a long rant against ASG. They do have a purpose and sometimes they do fulfill it, (while other times they do not). But, right now, I don't think we can afford it.

This isn't going to be easy. Many things will have to change; it is just a matter of what will stay and what will go. This will not be the same college next fall.

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CULTURE: budget bruises classes

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Even if some classes will be adversely affected, Briare believes that the cultural education taught through arts and humanities will be preserved.

"Arts and humanities are part of the core," Briare explained, referring to what is necessary for obtaining a degree. "We also consider it being the core of a well educated student."

Students on campus seem to be torn on whether or not certain classes have enough cultural value to keep regardless of budget.

Keara Scheehan, a student on campus, sees cancelling what are argued as more culturally significant classes as a matter of practicality.

"If those are the classes least taken, that's what they should do," Scheehan expressed.

Student Kaiti Handbury has a similar viewpoint as Scheehan, and would offer those in search of certain

classes with "more cultural value" an ultimatum.

"If someone has a problem they can transfer to a different school," Handbury offered.

Another student, Lacey Bauer, sees the losses of such classes differently.

"We can't lose culture with the budget cuts. It's kind of sad," Bauer lamented.

Student Dana Andrews views classes such as Shakespearean Literature and music as pertinent.

"It's important to have that aspect instead of just academic," Andrews explained.

He then went on to say how it's important, "to know where people come from and understand

their backgrounds."

College President Joanne Truesdell says there is a way to balance elective classes such as Shakespearean Literature and classes needed to obtain a degree. The current solution is to temporarily hold classes. Instead of offering certain classes every term, some will have to be offered less frequently, but there is no intention of completely cutting classes that are considered to be significant.

The situation on campus may seem grim but for now the cultural head will stay intact, even if it is being bruised by a one-two punch.

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Lacey Bauer
Student

Letter to the Editor: Students call for continued coverage of student leaders

Dear Editor,

We would like to commend you on running the story about the ASG officers.

We believe, as the founders of our country did, that the media is a very important part of keeping any form of government in check. See the First Amendment. Sadly, today the media is sorely lacking in political knowledge or the desire to persevere their jobs to the fullest. In short, it's the media's job to

expose any flaws in the system. Personally, we don't care that the ASG members were involved in underage drinking. I think we can all agree that most college students have participated in it.

But, a precedent was set a couple of years ago when an ASG precedent that was overwhelmingly elected by the student body was removed because she had been involved in underage drinking at another ASG party during the sum-

mer. Because this precedent was set, and the girl was made an example of, why hasn't anything been done following the surface of this new information about the current ASG members? If one is to be prosecuted all should.

We would hope that *The Print* would run a follow up story of what is being done, if anything.

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Health Fair

Wed, Feb. 18 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Community Center Mall

There will be free massages, acupuncture demos, food samples, health information and more.

Al Lee, co-author of "Perfect Breathing-- Transform your Life one Breath at a Time" will hold a mini workshop on how breathing right can change your life in CC 126 from 12-12:30 or from 1-1:30.