

## Letters to the Editor

### Students disgruntled about the anti-abortion display on campus

Dear editor,

I find it atrocious that these people were allowed to set up on the campus of Clackamas Community College.

I was informed that the flags scattered on the lawn were representation of the babies that were aborted today. I can't believe our school administration let these people on campus with this atrocity. It is sick, disgusting and disturbing.

Do they think that women in general just get up one morning and say, "I don't want this baby, I'll go abort it?" Well, that isn't the case. Most often, abortions are by women who would die if they carried the child, the fetus is unhealthy or the women are victims of sex crimes (rape, incest, etc.).

To say the least, this was in distaste. I certainly hope that there will not be a repeat event of this nature at CCC.

Cordially,  
Debbie Fox

Dear editor,

I am a Student/Veteran Federal Work Study/President CCC Comedy Club/Person with empathy.

I am writing to complain about the display in the courtyard. I was informed that the brightly colored flags that are in the courtyard directly outside of the Community Center represent aborted babies. That is disgusting. There are people of all walks of life that attend this school and it is not right to express such a sensitive issue in such an "in your face" manner. I find it tasteless, disturbing and sick.

I am outraged that this school would let this kind of display occur. I can understand someone putting up a booth to discuss this issue, but a giant display representing dead babies is atrocious.

Statistically, there have to be people on this campus that have had an abortion. Reminding them of the hardest choice in their life in such a dramatic measure is wrong on so many levels.

The person that authorized this display should have thought about everyone when they decided that this was a good way to increase awareness for all the students. It is not up to this school or anyone else except the parents to make the choice of what to do in that situation. It sickens me that this school would support something like this.

Those of you in ASG have made a poor decision by supporting such a display on a PUBLIC campus. We all have rights, opinions and morals of our own choosing. It is not okay for you to make such a statement in the middle of OUR campus.  
Nicholas C. Hadley

### Electric door debate

I am appalled at the letter to the editor in the April 16, 2014 issue of the Clackamas Print.

Matt Elyea was complaining about the use of the automatic door openers on campus. He stated that they disrupt his studies. Instead of lashing out at people for using the devices, wouldn't it be a better solution to sit in a different location?

In defense of people you say clearly take advantage of the devices and you stereotype as lazy, I wish to remind you that disabilities come in many forms. Some of those disabilities come from non-visible means and have movement or weight restrictions. Just because a person isn't showing visible signs of a disability doesn't mean they are without limitations or disabilities.

Before you stereotype or assume laziness, make sure you know all of the facts.

Sincerely,  
Debbie Fox

## Editorial: Indifference personified

### The Print examines the lack of Clackamas student involvement in ASG elections for the 2014-2015 year.

by Erin Carey news & culture editor & Liz Gomes associate photo editor

Even though the voter turnout of this year's Clackamas Community College Associated Student Government election was higher than in past years, the total count of 382 votes cast only represented a minimal amount of the student body. Although the voting turnout was low, it shouldn't be that way. A student's involvement with ASG means that there are opportunities to get scholarships and creates a strong connection to the student body as a whole. But in their most recent elections, a lack of enthusiasm from the student body and the president himself seemed to drag this year's ASG elections down. Some cared to vote, some didn't, and some didn't even know how.

Days prior to the election, the student body held a Q & A session in the Community Center to give students an opportunity to learn more about the candidates and their platforms. Dean Wright, a member of ASG and the emcee for the event, had a short list of questions to ask the candidates to keep the ball rolling, but of the 10 to 15 students present and actually paying attention, none generated very compelling questions. Wright even tried to wave over a few familiar passersby to beg for questions from them. The apathy of the audience matched or perhaps mirrored the apathy of the president.

Erick Breton, the unopposed presidential candidate, seemed disengaged throughout the event. His quiet and passionless responses were indicative of an acknowledged lack of incentive to try. Both vice presidential candidates were more involved and attentive, but with the lack of original questions, they seemed to parrot a lot of their own rehearsed previous

responses.

The event seemed thrown together. Last minute signs advertising the Q & A promised popcorn for attendees, which may have lured hungry students had the popcorn machine not been empty and unplugged. The session also took place in the middle of a commonly high-trafficked area, which could have attracted an audience but instead became more of an imposition to students eating lunch and doing homework.

You saw them everywhere - Candice Stauffer's campaigning signs wallpapered the entire campus. Her pretty face was all most of us saw for a month. A few smaller signs were put up by her opponent, Russ, and the unopposed winner of the presidency, but hers outnumbered theirs substantially. She also toured the campus hitting up clubs and school groups to engage with them individually about her "cultural competency" platform. She even walked around the campus during the election offering students her tablet so they could vote. So why didn't she win?

Maybe it was the fact that it seemed she tried too hard. While Stauffer made a solid effort to get the word out about her platform, people got more annoyed with her strong attempts to communicate with them. However, they awarded Erick's apathy towards the entire event just because he was running unopposed.

Some students said they had a hard time knowing where to vote or how. Some heard that they needed to go to Moodle, some heard they should go to the ASG office and some were just left confused.

Why did it have no effect? CCC is a two year transfer school. And while we have activities that people do care about, the common train of thought is: get here, get your education and get out. Bringing together a student body who only wants to go to classes and go home is hard to do, even for the most enthusiastic and charming of ASG government officials. People see ASG as a place to get cheaper Cup O' Noodles and hang their posters on campus.

ASG is more than a place to get cheap Cup O' Noodles. They do their best to bring together the student body and offer a variety of services, including offering scholarships, buying textbooks at cheaper prices, and running voter registration programs along with much more.

The moral of the story is that people shouldn't be apathetic and cold towards an ASG election. People should care because there's a bored president representing the students at things like Board of Education meetings, insisting that he knows what's best for the student body. Ignoring elections for ASG means that it's another year letting people control the things students care about, like 'cultural competency', instead of improving the things that students need to see improvement on.

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MONDAY, MAY 12 – SUNDAY, MAY 18

Date	Time	Incident
5/12	1:42 p.m.	911 Hang-up/Community Center — no one around
	4:20 p.m.	Disorderly Conduct — Neimeyer Lobby-report that an unknown male yelled profanity in lobby and then left. — Unable to locate
5/13	12:20 p.m.	Suspicious person — Barlow lot-using wifi, making inappropriate comments — left prior to arrival
	1:45 p.m.	Assist other agency — OCPD — follow up for PPB
	2:06 p.m.	Disturbance — Gregory Forum — verbal argument over childhood dispute — no crime
	3:38 p.m.	Disturbance — Bus turn around — verbal argument between high schoolers over sweats — no crime — referred to OCHS
	5:44 p.m.	Wallet found — subject claimed lost wallet on 5/14
5/14	2:40 p.m.	Suspicious person — Orchards Lot—advised to leave campus
5/15	9:50 a.m.	Suspicious activity-vehicle running/doors locked/keys in ignition — MC Lot
	11:00 a.m.	Detail — CC — Sexual Assault Awareness campaign table/talk
	11:08 a.m.	Suspicious vehicle from MC lot — gone
	1:40 p.m.	Found wallet — CC — unable to locate owner — in safe keeping/safety office
	3:30 p.m.	Detail — FRC — Bike Rodeo
5/16	11:31 a.m.	Suspicious activity/Poss. Less than oz — OC Woods — OCHS SRO contacted — Case #14-13301
	1:37 p.m.	Parking detail — OC Visitor lot — citations issued

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