

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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VVC attacks destructive

I feel bad for anyone who works at Victor Valley College. I've never seen such bad press against a school as I've seen in recent months with letters printed in the Daily Press, usually by the same small number of people. No matter what the college reports, this same small group tries to bad mouth the information, and claim it's false and that 'they' are the only ones who really know what's going on.

Last week, another attack, aimed at current interim president Peter Allan is more of the same, led by Diana Carloni, who is the lawyer of elected college board member Joseph W. Brady.

Ms. Carloni and her Community Call to Action pals regularly put down the college, and act as if nothing good is happening there, and that the teachers and other employees are somehow hiding something and not doing their jobs. Worse, they claim to speak for the whole community.

As a community member, this group does not speak for me. I am angry that our local college is criticized (and this includes public statements by Mr. Brady; shouldn't he be saying good things about the college instead of criticizing it?).

If the accreditation "crisis" is as bad as this small group of people claim, then why did more than 100 students just graduate with degrees a few weeks ago? I am not saying the college doesn't have problems. As a parent, I have often complained about the lack of available classes for my kid. That's a big problem, and one that should be addressed. But these attacks on the college are destructive to not only the employees but also the students who attend.

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