

arty attends national conference

# Legal aid service nears reality

aid service for students at Clackamas Community College is coming closer to reality after Associated Student Government President Mike McCarty's recent trip to the National Legal Aid Conference in Chicago.

McCarty attended the conference with approximately 400 representatives from colleges and universities throughout the United States. They discussed topics ranging from legal services and student consumer rights to freedom of the student press and tenant rights.

"It was an outstanding convention and I got a lot of information about civil and consumer rights," McCarty said. "The legal workshop was very good. I ran into several people from other schools and heard of ways that schools are handling

of these schools hire and pay a pri-

private attorney to handle student legal problems. Others bring in an attorney only to advise but not to litigate matters, and some use a voluntary attorney who also is in an advisory capacity only, according to McCarty.

"At the University of Pennsylvania they use para-legal students to do the research and advise students," he said. "They have their own law library and write their own briefs."

"The only one of these ideas that seems feasible to me is to find a private attorney or firm of, say, four attorneys, and get one of them to work part time," McCarty said.

"According to Dorothy C. Bernholz, the legal-aid attorney for the University of North Carolina who conducted the seminar, only about one per cent of cases are litigated and most of them are referred out to other attorneys which generates much more business for private attorneys than people realize," he said.

McCarty attended all but three of the workshops which were held hourly from Friday noon through Saturday night.

"I definitely think that I got my money's worth out of the conference and I don't think that \$840 was too much money for ASG to spend on something like this," McCarty said.

McCarty was the only student representative from Oregon but he did meet an adviser from the University of Oregon.

"We talked about starting a Western Regional Conference to cover some of the things we heard at the Kansas City conference. Maybe we couldn't cover everything but we would try to concentrate on the things that got the most response there," McCarty said.

"CCC compared over all very good (to the other schools," he said. "We are a little more liberal on student rights and freedom of the press than those back East. All in all, we are farther ahead as far as student rights."

# CCC faculty helps students adjust to metrics

In the United States, the only major nation that uses standard units of measurement, has adopted the metric system of measurement in various areas of education as well as in order to comply academically with the rest of the world.

In vocational and engineering instruction at Clackamas Community College, Madsen, department chairperson of mechanical engineering at CCC, said that the department has had to make various changes in layout work because of the recent metric measurement incorporated.

"When I said that drafting students have adapted to the conversion to metrics, I made no complaints because of the conversion of systems.

"At the present time," said Madsen, the drafting department is not ready for a complete change toward metrics, but he said a realistic approach to the use of metrics in the profession of drafting must be kept in mind as well as at CCC in order to meet the needs of other nations on an equal basis."

Streecher, department chairperson of mathematics and engineering at CCC, said that a few introductory metric courses are being offered but the enrollment in these courses is minimal.

Streecher said that a metric course was planned to be offered, but due to the lack of interest by the public it was not carried out.

Ernest Whisenant, department chairperson of Metal Fabrication at CCC, said that the introduction of metrics in that department has not had a drastic affect on the students, although two years from now, the student who is able to apply the metric system to his or her own work will be better off than the student without any familiarity of the metric system.

Whisenant said that five years from now, the U.S. will not be able to export any standard "nuts and bolts" overseas due to the complete change toward metrics.

"Currently," said Whisenant, "both standard and metric tools are needed by the student in the metals department. This is not a great expense to the student, but is necessary in complying with drawings and designs of

various nations using the metric rule of measurement."

Larry Noonan, department chairperson of the automotive department at CCC, said the application of the metric system in his department has caused a couple of problems regarding students and equipment.

"In order for the students to accustom themselves with foreign as well as American automobiles, the students must acquire both metric and standard measurement tools," said Noonan. He said that the students have had to pay \$250 for a set of standard mechanic's tools, and an additional \$100 plus is also needed for metric sockets, wrenches, etc., used for foreign as well as American automobiles.

In addition with the problem just mentioned, said Noonan, the adults familiarized with the usage of standard measurement are having a difficult time adopting to the metric system.

"Other than these problems, the students have been able to easily adapt to the application of metrics in the automobile," Noonan said.

# Tuition, general fund breakdown revealed

The \$110 tuition fee a resident full-time Clackamas Community College student pays each term becomes part of the CCC general operating budget. "Tuition provides approximately 10 to 20 percent of the budget," said Len Monroe, dean of student services.

Property taxes and state monies are the two sources that make up the general operating budget for the college, Monroe

per cent \$171,300, are reserved for transfers which include ASG funds, athletics and financial aid. \$500,000, 6.3 per cent, will be used as revenue for next year."

Ryan said new programs take \$49,500 or .6 per cent of the funds. A contingency, or emergency fund uses 4.2 per cent or \$350,000. The total operating budget is \$8,151,686, he said.

"Tuition is part of the total education program," Monroe said. "Clackamas has one of the lowest tuition fees in the state for community colleges.

"This year, approximately 18 per cent of the operating budget is tuition, 48 per cent is from property tax, and the rest of the money is provided by the state," he said.

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