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## Students protest instructor's termination

Student group is being organized to protest the dismissal of law enforcement instructor Thomas and what they expect to be the subsequent termination of the law enforcement department of the Col-

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Pendergrass and Mona ... law enforcement stu- ... organized a meeting ... the Fireside lounge at ... to discuss the dismissal ... curriculum expansion.

group has tentative plans ... tonight's College Board

of Education meeting to present their findings.

Thomas was given notice of his termination last January. The reasons for the dismissal was a drop in enrollment in the law enforcement department from 302 students in the fall term 1976 to 146 students in the fall term 1977, according to Lyle Reese, division chairperson of business education and public service.

"We feel that enrollment dropped because the program was not comprehensive enough to offer things to officers already in the field," Calhoon said.

The student group is also working to expand the curriculum by adding more practical classes.

"We need more that we can

use on the streets," Calhoon said. "The era of the dumb, fat cop is past and if the community wants good law enforcement personnel we need a better curriculum."

"If they keep Thomas it will definitely improve the program," said Bob McIntyre, student representative to the Law Enforcement Advisory Board.

"Thomas has done a lot for the law enforcement school since he took over and we want him to stay. Our main goal is to expand the curriculum and offer more selective courses to the students and we feel that Thomas is necessary for that," he said.

"I think the curriculum being offered is good and to get rid of the man responsible for upgrad-

ing it would be a mistake," McIntyre said.

The Law Enforcement Advisory Board is made up of most of the major people within the law enforcement community in Clackamas County, as well as the assistant district attorney and a member of the FBI.

According to McIntyre, this board is doing as much as possible to solve the problems of curriculum and losing Thomas.

According to McIntyre, the law enforcement community is well ahead of the students in working to get technical classes included in the curriculum of the College's law enforcement school.

One problem with technical courses, according to Calhoon, is that they can't be so selective that they couldn't be offered to anybody who wanted to take them.

Classes like riflery, which could only be offered to a limited class of students, couldn't be offered, she said.

The student group is unsure of how much they can accomplish as far as retaining Thomas and upgrading their curriculum, but they're willing to go as far as necessary to make sure that their demands are listened to and dealt with.

"We've bounced the idea around about a boycott," Calhoon said. "A lot of students are considering finding another school if they don't get Durwood."

"We're not downing Zinck (the other law enforcement instructor) it's just that they're trying to take one of our in-

structors away and we need them both."

Pendergrass, who is a jailer for Clackamas County and an ex-union negotiator, feels that the administration shouldn't be allowed to get rid of one of the teachers. He feels that both instructors are needed in order to expand the program and give the students what they need.

Another complaint the students have is with the board's unwillingness to listen to their problems.

"The board doesn't want to get involved in telling us who to go to or who to talk to about settling this," McIntyre said. "They just say 'do what you can' and won't give us concrete information about what to do."

McIntyre is upset about the proposal to replace Thomas with two part-time instructors. He feels that this will not help the program as much as retaining Thomas would.

"The only time administrators get involved is when there's money involved," he said. "I feel that the school is taking a back seat to the whole affair. They just don't show a great deal of concern about the students."

"What good is it going to do to say we've got an associates degree from CCC and have someone interviewing us for a job laugh in our faces," Calhoon said.

The student group will be scheduling other meetings in the future and hope to meet with Thomas and Reese. Interested students should call Calhoon at 655-3341.



Photo by Sam Baer

Black belt Karate instructor David Riley expels ... keyhole as he chops through a cement brick ... demonstrating the shuto or knife-hand strike.

Riley and his students displayed their talents in Randall Gym Tuesday, Feb. 28. (See related photos on page 11).

## School of Nursing to receive Five-year accreditation award

A five-year accreditation was recently granted to the College's Associate Degree Nursing program by the State Board of Nursing.

"This is very unusual," Caroline Taylor, nursing department chairperson, said. "We've never gotten a five year accreditation before, and at this point I don't know of any other community college that has."

"You have to have an accreditation to even be recognized by the State Board of Nursing," she said. "They obviously must have liked our program or we wouldn't have gotten that long of one."

According to Taylor, the long accreditation could have been granted for a number of reasons including having excellent results from students taking state board examinations.

How the program functions, how the curriculum is written, how theory and practice are applied, qualifications of faculty and generally how a program is fit together are also factors that the state board considers, Taylor said.

"The State Board of Nursing was also pleased with the document we prepared. She said "it was very clear and easy to follow."

"We're always in the process of upgrading the curriculum, but at present time we're not in the process of doing major changes," Taylor said. "We're doing minor revisions, but we like the curriculum as it is."

The five-year accreditation will affect approximately 150 nursing students this year.

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