## Career data more visible

The College's counseling department now offers a new centralized career center. The career information has always been available to students, but it is now visable and more organized, according to Bernie Nolan, college counselor.

There are several books available explaining various careers and job opportunities. "Occupational Outlook Handbook" is one such book, updated yearly by the Department of Labor. The book atves

information on the nature of various jobs, places of employment, training needed, salaries, working conditions and also the future outlook for hundreds of jobs, according to Nolan.

If students want to know

which corporations are hiring a certain group of college graduates, such as engineers, the "College Placement An-

nual" has that information and also general descriptions of all the major companies in the United States.

There are also several "how to" books available on helping a student perform a career search. Also located in the

career center are the college bluebooks, which give descriptions of college and vocational schools nationwide.

In addition to books there are other options available to seraching students.

The C.I.S. ( Career Information System) is a computerized system open to all students. This system provides



Bernie Nolan

information on job discriptions, training needs and employment outlook for the Portland metropolation area. Anyone wishing to use the computer should contact the counseling secretary.

The testing department also offersseveral interest tests that

## Nolan voted new Focus chairperson

Bernie Nolan, new Focus on Women Chairperson, will assume chairmanship today during a steering committee meeting. Bill Hargadine, appointed Ms. Nolan with the approval of the steering committee. She replaces Bernice Evans, who has been chairman since the beginning of Focuson Women. "The Focus on W program has been stro volving women from t munity with the U Hopefully, we will be continue a strong prog the future. With the d support of the women pus, Focus on Won continue its present di said the new chaiperse

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## Tax mistakes can cost

## By Kelly Laughlin Of The Print

It's tax time again. And while many people are hurriedly filling out 1040's and 1040A's, errors can make that wait by the mailbox seem indefinite.

One taxpayer, when filing for 1977 tax returns, waited until August merely because he signed his name on the wrong line. He alsogot stuck for a long distance call from the main office of the Internal Revenue Service, in Idaho.

Dale Potts, Public Affairs Officer for the Oregon IRS, encourages all taxpayers to "double check everything before mailing." Potts also cited tax breaks

Potts also cited tax breaks that some students and renters may be overlooking. Under certain conditions,

Under certain conditions, deductions in educational expenses for employment, trade or business can be made.

"Primarily, though, you must be employed in the profession that relates to your education," he said.

Specifically, however, employees must meet the expressed requirements of employers, or requirements of law or regulations, for keeping salary, status or employment, if the requirements imposed serve a bona fide business purpose of the employer.

The education must maintain or improve skills required in performing the duties of present employment or trade,

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or other business. Deductions can not be made if they result in classes taken to meet the minimum educational requirements for qualification in employment or other trade or business, or are part of a program of study that will lead to qualifying persons in a new trade or business, even if the education maintains or improves skills required in employment.

Éducational expenses can include amounts spent for tuition, books, supplies, laboratory fees and similar items, and some travel and transportation costs. Expenses for education are an itemized deduction that appears on Schedule A in form 1040 as a miscellaneous deduction.

When parents are both employed or attending some form of schooling, they may be eligible for a child care credit.

"This money, however is not refunded," Potts said, "it only reduces the liablility."

If a parent has one dependent, maintains half the income for a child's care, and earns less than \$8,000 per year, they are eligible for an Earned Income Credit where a percentage of what they owe in taxes is sliced off the amount they owe. "The percentage taken off,

depends upon their imcome bracket," Potts said.

Both students living at home, and parents that pay more than half of their support,

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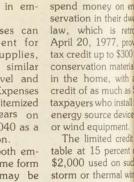
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Taking place at the C track on March 9, a p.m., the hour long designed to take in tun per laps basis. Though tual intake of funds will upon the amount of in sponsors, the dep heads have set a 5 \$10,000. Clackamas Community C



