



Blind student receives help from instructor on class project.

Blind students learn to do it themselves

By Don Ives
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A young college student stands squarely in front of a drill press, oblivious to his surroundings. His attention is focused on the whirring machinery. His hands make quick, sure movements as he adjusts the instruments. His work, receiving total concentration, is without flaw. A typical machine shop student? Possibly. But there's something that separates this young man from the average. He is blind.

The College now offers a complete training program for blind students in the field of machine technology. Those

enrolled in the program receive training in all machinist-related fields, with the exceptions of welding and drafting. According to Russ Harris, machine shop instructor, the majority of blind students completing the program will find good jobs when they leave school.

"Over 60 percent of our guys find jobs on the outside. Some are already making machinist wages," he said.

Harris pointed out that Clackamas is one of the few colleges offering programs for blind students in the Portland area.

"We're the only one that of-

fers a machine shop program that I know of," he said.

The classes offered do much for blind students than teach them a trade, according to Harris. Each course is designed to stimulate communication between students and to help them learn to do it themselves.

Harris is proud of the program, but even more so of the blind students enrolled in it. "I've seen these guys work," said Harris. "In our shop in the industry, they do every bit as good as the next guy. Oh, they're limited. But when it comes right down to it, so are we."

Shifting gears

Retirees strive to fill community needs

By Mike Koller
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For six years the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) has helped fill the needs of the elderly in Clackamas County but, now, in its seventh year of existence, the program is reversing its objectives.

According to Judy Smith, RSVP coordinator, the emphasis will be placed on what

elderly RSVP volunteers can do to fill the needs of the community.

"RSVP will be embarking on a campaign titled 'Family Violence: Battered and Abused Persons,' where we will work closely with the Rape Victim Advocate Program, Clackamas County Juvenile Court, Clackamas County Children's Commission, and the Battered Women's Association," Smith

said.

According to Smith, RSVP will be recruiting volunteers who can assist these agencies when they are short-handed.

"It doesn't matter whether our volunteers help our by counseling or just doing office work. Anything is needed," Smith emphasized.

Smith also said RSVP will have to do a specific job of recruiting eligible senior citizens

from around the county who have talents to offer that would benefit the agencies.

"We're looking for senior citizens who have had experience in counseling but are now retired, or an elderly family that could donate their home as a shelter for children who need a place to stay. Even those who do not have any specific skills can receive introductory training if they are willing," Smith said.

Smith hopes RSVP can place at least 25 volunteers within these agencies, but it's

too early to tell how well the campaign will be received.

"We're going to be extensively recruiting volunteers the next few weeks so we should be able to tell what kind of response we're receiving within a month or so," Smith said.

Smith stressed that retirees over the age of 60 are interested in volunteering for the program should contact her at ext. 236/237 or stop by the RSVP office located in Trailer D.

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Broadcasting class offered in spring

Students will have a chance to take a behind-the-scenes look at television and radio broadcasting spring term, when Rick Meyers of KATU-Television 2 will teach "Introduction to Broadcast Journalism."

The three-credit course, J-131, will meet Mondays from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. in McLoughlin room 256.

Meyers, special projects manager for KATU, will trace the impact electronic media has had on society up to the present.

Students will also have an opportunity to try their broadcasting skills in the class.

"This course will help round out our journalism offerings," said Suzie Boss, College journalism instructor and adviser. "It should be of special interest to students interested in a career in broadcast journalism."

Boss will also teach a course on newspaper editing and design spring quarter. Editing and Design, J 218, will meet Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays at 10 a.m. The three-

credit course will introduce students to the techniques involved in newspaper editing, including page design, headline writing and newspaper production.

For more information about either course, call Suzie Boss at ext. 309.

Award given

Kit Youngren, director of Gladstone Community School program, was recently named the Oregon State Community Educator of the Year.

Laird Prouty, director of Milwaukie Community School program, and Bob Pursell, director of Oregon Community School program, were recognized for their contributions to the Oregon Community Education Association. The College was presented an award for its cooperation in community education.

The awards were presented at the state meeting of the Oregon Community Education Association in Portland on Feb. 16.

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