

## Survey shows Saturday College convenient

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The 1979-80 school year marked the first time ever the college offered courses on Saturday for the student population. Recently, the college surveyed students enrolled in Saturday classes to find out more about them, and their thoughts on Saturday college.

A total of 265 surveys were distributed among Saturday college students with 224 eventually returned. Eight questions were asked on the survey.

Question number one asked, "Which one of the following best describes your present occupation?" The response: 50 percent of the students polled are employed full time, 17 percent into the "other" category which includes housewives, retired people or full-time students at the College.

Bill Hargadine, associate dean, stated earlier this year that he hoped Saturday college would serve a clientele that otherwise might not be able to attend school.

With 50 percent of the students polled currently employed at a full-time status, the conclusion is that some students are using their open weekends for schooling which

under normal circumstances they would not be able to obtain during the week because of their job schedule.

Survey question number three, "If you are employed, is your present occupation related to the course(s) you have chosen at Saturday College?" shows that 18 percent of the students are taking courses directly related, 11 percent closely related and a majority of 70 percent are taking classes not related to their jobs at all.

These 70 percent taking courses not related to their jobs were asked, "How they would classify the course(s) they have chosen?" A total of 49 percent classified the course(s) chosen as personal interest, 29 percent self improvement and 16 percent, new careers.

Question number four, "Which of the following best describes your reason for attending Saturday College classes?" finds that 35 percent of those surveyed can attend evening classes, but Saturday classes offer additional convenience to their schedules. A total of 26 percent said that the course(s) they wanted were only offered in Saturday College, while 20 percent cannot attend day or evening classes and 12 percent can at-

tend weekday classes but Saturday offers additional convenience to their schedules.

The results of question four confirm that Saturday College is indeed filling a need for people wanting schooling. A total of 46 percent of the students surveyed appear to be taking Saturday classes out of necessity and 47 percent for convenience, 7 percent had other reasons for attending Saturday College.

Question number five asked, "What kind of courses will you prefer?" Of those responding, 39 percent prefer non-credit, general interest courses, 38 percent vocational/occupational courses and 23 percent college-transfer courses.

Art, physical education, home economics, metal fabrication, graphic arts, English and automotive were the top seven responses to the question, "What courses would you like to see offered that are not presently being offered through Saturday College?"

Other courses not being offered at Saturday College that students would like to see offered included business administration, electronics, life science, math, woodworking and music.

The final question on the survey, "Please give us some



**CREEPY CRAWLEY**—Spider gets ready for upcoming holiday. Photo by Duffy Coffman.

suggestions that can be used in planning the next session," brought on a wide array of responses.

Some students indicated that they would "like to see the gym open on weekends also."

One student surveyed felt that after a hectic Friday night that "8 a.m. was too early for school to start." Many other

responses dealt with the time situation with some wanting classes to start after lunch or later than 8 a.m.

A large number suggested many specific classes they would like to see offered in the future, and others expressed their desire to have the bookstore and cafeteria open on Saturdays.

## New income limits help students

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Due to new income limits, more students are now eligible for financial aid. An independent

student or the parents of a dependent student can have a higher income and more assets than in past years and still be eligible.

Since this change was adopted by the legislature, four year institutions such as Linfield College have had 50 percent increase in the number of

eligible students applying for financial aid. At other community colleges there has been a 15 to 25 percent increase. In contrast to this, Clackamas has had only 3 percent increase in the number of students applying, according to Dick Thompson, financial aid officer.

Some examples of qualifying students are as follows: A

For an independent married student with four children, no equity in the home, and a yearly income of about \$13,500, the Basic Grant

allowed \$426. A single independent student living in an apartment, with an income of \$5,000 a year would receive about \$526 in grant money, Thompson said.

dependent student from a family of three, which had a total family income of \$20,700 a year and about \$4,000 equity in their home, qualified this year for \$940—almost the maximum available. In another case, Thompson said, a student from a family of eight with two children in college, both parents working with a total income of \$31,500, equity in their home of \$37,000 and about \$1,000 in savings, qualified for \$276 on the Basic Grant program.

"The application process has been streamlined to run quicker and smoother for the student," Thompson said. For half an hour of their time and a 15 cent stamp, the student can get up to \$962, the maximum basic grant. This amount of aid is worth more than 140 hours of work at the minimum wage, and for the time it takes is worth about \$600 an hour in grant money. In Thompson's words, "it's a gamble one shouldn't pass up." Forms are available at the Financial Aid office.

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