

ASG elections near, petitions available

lection time is drawing near the College and students be a part of it. Petitions are available for the offices of Associated Student Government president, vice president, secretary, and business manager. Anyone can sign up a petition and have a chance of achieving an of-

According to Richard Weiss, vice president, there are many benefits to be derived from participation in student government. "Some intangible but invaluable benefits derived

from participation are personal growth, getting over the fear of group encounters, developing improved speaking ability, and learning how real governments function through working within a microcosim of real government structure," said Weiss.

Another tangible reason is money. ASG controls over \$69,000. This is student money for student use. As a member of ASG one can help decide how to spend it.

A candidate's campaign can take on many forms. A student

has various outlets through which he can get his or her face and ideas across. The Print, posters, flyers, handbills, or a commercial over S.I.N., Student Information Network, are available.

Some materials for posters can be obtained in the Student Activities Office. Arrangements must be made directly with video for any taping, according to Weiss.

At last Thursday's ASG meeting, Business Manager Darren MacFarlane, stressed the importance of people run-

ning for office. "The more people that run, the better our election will be," said MacFarlane. "I would encourage everyone who wants to run, to run." Mac Farlane added, "I don't want to see anyone run unopposed."

Here are some important dates to remember concerning the election:

March 24—Petitions available.
 April 7—Campaigning begins. Posters and flyers can be distributed.
 April 14, 15—Debates 12 to 1 p.m. in the cafeteria

April 15—Petitions due
 April 16, 18—Orientation meeting at 3 p.m.
 April 22-25—Election time
 Polls will be open:
 Tues.—Thurs. 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
 Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 April 25—Polls close at 5 p.m.
 April 29—Results in Today bulletin

An added note: All candidates must be familiar with the ASG constitution. The constitution can be found in the back of the student handbook.

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Group gets a closer look at the volcano Mt. St. Helens. Photo by Duffy Coffey.

Flags still fly for hostages in Iran

By Lee Jeffries
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At a regular meeting on March 6, the Associated Student Government clarified the purpose of the 50 flags flying in front of the College Community Center.

The week before, the College was the scene of a debate on the purpose of the flags. Some saw them as a show of support for Carter's foreign policies while others saw them as a comment on the draft. Still others maintained that the only purpose of the flags was to show the College's support of the American hostages in Iran.

my part. I'm glad to see that everything worked out fine."

Also at the meeting a motion was made to send a letter to the U.S. Congress. According to the minutes, "Tony Taylor entertained a motion to act as representative of the Student Body and draft a letter of concern about our hostages and the rather disordinate efforts of our President's foreign policies and send it to our respective congressional representatives so they will know how we as a Student Body feel. Much discussion went on and the Chairman put a limit on debate to two minutes per person. Cindy Walls asked to table the motion until the next meeting and Eric Etsel asked if it was to kill it or postpone it. It was to postpone it. A vote was taken: 15 for, 8 against. The motion was tabled until the next meeting."

Here are the minutes from the March 6 meeting concerning the flags:

"Max (Vincent Maxian) reported that the senate would like to strike from the minutes made 1-3-80 and state that the 50 flags are in honor of, support of, and concern for the 50 hostages held in Iran. In no way would this reflect on the President's foreign policies. A consensus was made and it carried unanimously to strike and insert the statement into the minutes."

ASG President Don Porter told The Print, "The wording on the original motion (when the flags were first raised) back in January was a mistake on

At the next meeting, Reed Campbell moved to postpone the question indefinitely and the motion carried.

ASG Secretary Terri McCoy said that the reason the motion was postponed indefinitely was that ASG senators had an opportunity to talk to members of the student body and the general consensus was that there wouldn't be much support for that motion.

Discussion erupts over volcano on St. Helens

James Rhoades
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We have no fear. John Snively, college geology instructor, says we are safe from any materials that Mount St. Helens might eject.

"We are in a westerly wind. Most of the material that the volcano ejects into the sky goes in an easterly wind direction, thus missing us," Snively said.

When asked what he thought would happen next, Snively said, "That's a good question. No one in the world has the answer to that question. Mount St. Helens could just eject a little ash, or 15 to 20 years of sporadic activity. I don't think we have

to worry about anything catastrophic. The chances of that is slim. There's not much you can predict until it happens."

"Mount St. Helens is a young and recently active (1857 was its last eruption) volcano, about four to six thousand years old. It's not surprising it went off," Snively said.

Even though he does not know how long the Mount St. Helens eruption will last, Snively said, "I'm hoping that the volcano will go for a while. I haven't seen it yet, and on the first good, sunny day I'll probably drop everything, grab all the students who want to go, and go."

At least one member of the College staff has already tried to see the volcano in action. Bonnie Hartley-Linse, student health nurse, flew over the mountain in a light plane with her family last week.

"I do have an interest in geology, and we tried to see it, but we could just see the base of the mountain and snow. From our vantage, we really didn't see the ash and discoloration. Ours wasn't that big of a deal," she said.

Hartley-Linse also said, "The visibility toward the ground was good, but they were prohibiting going into the cloud cover. I was surprised that there weren't more planes. I would like to go up again."

Specific careers in focus during week

The rapidly expanding field of environmental quality careers will be the subject of Career Focus Week, April 7-11.

Headed by James Barkman and Dan Lundy, the career focus will focus on waste water technology, waterworks technology and laboratory technology. The purpose is to increase public knowledge of programs that the College

has to offer. It is designed to inform students at the College and in high schools, instructors, counselors and the public in general through speakers and demonstrations. Former CCC students will be discussing how their training prepared them for careers.

There is a strong demand for trained laboratory people to fill jobs in industrial food processing, water treatment,

and wastewater treatment laboratories, according to those in the job placement field. Opportunities are increasing, and the program here at the College will prepare a student for a job in a continually expanding field that pays up to \$1,300 per month, according to instructors here.

The trouble, they add, is that hardly anyone is aware that there is a program here at the

College. That is what the career focus week is designed to correct.

In the Portland metropolitan area alone, approximately 20 to 30 job openings in these fields occur each year. The need for more treatment plants is on the increase, so the job market for the future looks excellent for the next 10 to 15 years.

The counseling department

urges that students interested in this vast field take advantage of this opportunity to find out about wastewater and waterworks technology. The sessions begin at 9 a.m. and end at 4 p.m. each day from April 7-10.

For more information, contact the College counseling department, 656-2631, ext. 266.

