



THE USE AND ABUSE - Don Myren exits through self-opening door. Center - Ronald Zumwalt eases through electric door. Right - Student fumbles with "pull" door in Linus Pauling Center. Staff photos by Duane Hiersche and Jay Graham

A Feature opinion

Handicap facilities subject to use, abuse

He strides quickly across campus, to the self-opening doors. Joe Athlete pauses momentarily, allowing for the door to open, then proceeds into the Community Center. He is the image of perfect health, yet he chooses to enter with the unnecessary aid of an electric door.

This casual attitude is typical. One afternoon, 15 minutes, 124 students and faculty entered or exited the north doors of the CC Mall, 67 of which used the automatic doors for the disabled. None were handicapped.

This unnecessary usage wears out these doors and also consumes a great deal of electricity, according to Facilities Development and Planning Officer Don Fisher. He estimated the cost of one door to be \$2,000 including installation.

The new Linus Pauling Center is not equipped with electric doors and there are no additions planned.

Although the "pull" doors currently in use are within their limits of the handicap code, they are still difficult for many handicaps to open. This creates a difficult situation because there are 60 handicapped students on record at the College and estimated 150-200 that do not "identify" their disability.

By Amy De Vour

Handicap Specialist Debbie Bennett stated the absence of these doors was discovered during the preliminary planning of the Pauling Center. She also noted that there should be a minimum two self-opening doors for each of the three buildings. However, Fisher related that the "pull" doors are no

harder to open than a classroom door "anywhere else". The question whether this is plausible comes into view when considering a disabled student encumbered by books attempting to enter one of the buildings. It would seem, that an entrance would be next to impossible. Another major concern is that there is only one handicap-access ramp in the Linus Pauling Center.

With all the concern about meeting the handicap code, some handicapped students seem left out of the definition. When Fisher refers to the doors as being no harder to manage than any classroom

door, is he referring to the abilities of an abled person or a disabled person? Commented one student, "The bronze doors are indeed easy to open as long as your 6'4", 200 pounds, carry books and there is no wind blowing!

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WORKSHOP ON LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AT CCC OCT. 15-16

"Clackamas County: Economic Development from a Local Perspective" will be the subject of an intensive two-day workshop at Clackamas Community College Thursday, Oct. 15, and Friday, Oct. 16. Developed by the National Economic Development and Law Center in Berkeley, California, the workshop is aimed at helping residents, business people, property owners, and local governments to understand economic development and to realize local benefits from economic opportunities.

Five workshop sessions

will cover the skills needed to get involved in local economic development, understand local planning and project development, utilize development opportunities for local benefit, create organizations to serve local interests, and apply these skills to specific local issues. Luncheon panel discussions each day will further explore economic development from both the regional and local approaches. Panelists include representatives from Metro, Port of Portland, Clackamas County, Oregon State University Extension, and the Na-

tional Economic Development and Law Center.

The workshop begins at 9 a.m. each day and concludes at 5 p.m. on Thursday and 4

p.m. on Friday. Registration is open to anyone, but limited to the first 50 registrants. If you wish to register at the door, please call in advance to insure

adequate space. The fee is \$12 which covers materials, coffee, and two catered lunches.

For registration and information, call David Dickson at 657-8400, ext. 414.

