

# Boise State hosts annual ACU-I conference

Boise State University was the site of this year's annual Associated College Unions-International, Region 14 meeting. "It was the best organized conference we've attended," ASG President Sam Crosby said.

the three-day trip were ASG Vice-president Susy Ryan, Secretary Ginger Olney, Activities Director Dick Edwards, and ASG advisors Debbie Baker and Dave Buckley.

The ACU-I is an organization of four-year, junior and community colleges from the

Northwest, Canada and Alaska.

"The ACU-I is geared for Educational processes," Buckley said, "Showcasing, leadership training, college bowl, and that sort of thing are involved. But basically, it's student governments getting

together and discussing their mutual problems and solutions."

The conference consisted of various workshops and presentations aimed at helping the individual student governments overcome problems. Each of the College's six representatives attended different discussions.

"I felt it was very rewarding," Crosby said. "It dealt very closely with a lot of small problems in our school."

Among the topics discussed were sexual harassment, handicapped wilderness recreation, a book exchange program, morale and involvement boosting and money raising ideas. There were also showcases of regional entertainers and artists.

"It was one of the best meetings I've ever attended," Baker said. She is on the National Nominating Committee for ACU-I.

"Boise State did a super job," Crosby said, "I'd say there were more than 200 delegates there. And the smaller, community schools

had as much say in everything as did the four-year colleges."

One specific need Baker considered was the need for a performing arts center at the College. "I attended a workshop on how to raise funds for the center, and I think we ought to get going on it," Baker said. Crosby and his entourage agreed that one of the most exciting things was the "Massey Tapes." The 90-minute long video-tape presentation is the brainchild of Morris Massey, a marketing and business expert.

Values, concepts for right and wrong, or good and bad, and how to deal with the moral contrasts and comparisons between the generations are the topics of the tapes.

"I've found an outlet in Portland for the 'Massey Tapes,'" Baker said, "They're just terrific."

Crosby was very excited about the ACU-I convention. "I discovered that almost all schools, four-year and two year, have the same problems. This meeting will help us a great deal" the president said.



Photo by Sue Hanneman

MONEY RAISING PROJECTS to go towards construction were on the ACU-I agenda.

## 'Silver Threads' mixes children, elderly

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Silver Threads Among the Gold "is a program that basically involves grade school students with residents in nursing homes," said founder Judy Sheppard.

Sheppard started the program in 1977 at St. Jude's nursing home in Sandy, with only seven students involved.

"When I started the program I didn't know of any others around the country," said Sheppard. Now she has

schools throughout Clackamas County involved and has more students wanting to get in the program.

The college provided Sheppard internship and funding through the College Foundation to write a book for Silver Threads. The Clackamas County Area Agency on Aging is paying for the handbook to be printed by the College.

She spends an hour at the nursing home, when the school wishes. The first half-hour is spent doing crafts, such as art, games, and music. During the

second half-hour the kids visit with the residents that are bed ridden. "The kids can get residents to do anything," said Sheppard.

Some residents go to the schools and go on fieldtrips with the classes. Sheppard said, "When we're on a fieldtrip the kids take the residents to the bathroom, and even clean up unexpected accidents."

Students that get involved with the program are mostly 4th-6th graders.

In preparation for the visits to the nursing homes, Shep-

pard does an orientation, teaching the kids about operating wheelchairs, tells them about stroke victims, diabetes, and the nursing home atmosphere.

"The orientation gets the kids to want to go to the nursing home and rid them of fears of being in a nursing home," Sheppard said. "Most kids have never been in a nursing home and if they have they didn't get any preparation for what was to be expected."

Some of the questions asked during this preparatory session are:

Who lives in a nursing home?

What do you think it is like in a nursing home?

Would you like to live in a nursing home? Why, or why not?

A slide show was put together by Sheppard, which shows the kids with nursing home residents, has been

ordered by the governor's conference in Montana, and the Governor's White House Conference on Children and Youth. The program has been accepted for a few objections from nursing homes. One family of a resident was concerned about the noise the kids would make, another mother was afraid her child would get sick, and school administrators felt Sheppard was exploiting the children.

"Some parents get involved but not as much as I would like," Sheppard said. "We have problems with transportation."

"CARE (Classrooms adopting residential elders) is a very strong component to Silver Threads, starting four months after the program got under way quickly brought the kids together with the residents," Sheppard said.

"It's an emotional program."

## CCC acquires sister college

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When one thinks of Portland's sister city, Sapporo Japan comes to mind. When someone asks of KATU's sister station, KOMO in Seattle is mentioned. But, what does one think of when the name of the College's sister station is mentioned? Well, how about Wu-Feng College of Technology in the Republic of China (i.e., Taiwan)?

It's true. As of September 2, Wu-Feng College of Technology, addressed at 117 Sec. 2, Chan-Kou Rd, Min-Choun Chi-Yi, Taiwan, officially became Clackamas Community College's sister college.

What this means is that the two colleges will exchange art, books, students, and instruc-

tors in an effort to internationalize the curriculum.

"American's are woefully ignorant of anyplace else," said College President John Hakanson. "We want to try to make the students aware of other economic and cultural influences."

"There's absolutely no financial obligation involved," Bob Wynia, assistant to the dean of instruction said. "It's an attempt to get involved with international education."

The proposed Statement of Understanding between the two colleges was signed by the respective presidents Sept. 2. In the proposal statement, the College "...offers the hospitality of the community and its services, and agrees to assist visiting students in the following ways: 1) Help them find suitable housing 2) provide opportunities for students to visit in American homes and with families 3) offer tutoring and/or counseling as

necessary, and 4) provide students with information concerning visas, travel, and financial requirements."

The College is getting help from the American Association of Community and Junior Colleges to line up faculty members from other countries. A list of applicants was sent to Wu-Feng and Architecture and Drafting Instructor Yeong-Tzer was selected. He will be joining the college faculty Spring term.

As of this moment, the College is receiving no funds from the federal government for this cultural venture, so instructors and students must have their own funds to make the journey. "We hope to work out a financial aid arrangement through the state education department," Wynia said. "Our best chance might be from private institutions."

According to Hakanson, one or two staff members are hinting about an instructional trek to Taiwan.

## Great White shark returns to College

Billiard enthusiasts will have an opportunity to challenge the "Doctor of Poolology" Jack White, Nov. 16-20 on his 6th annual demonstration-tournament.

The 50 year-old hustler began playing professionally on the east coast at the age of 19, winning the Pennsylvania State Championship his first in competition. He spent the next 20 years breaking records and sweeping tournaments before "retiring" in 1962 to become a teacher/entertainer on the touring circuit.

His visit included a series of lectures held Monday and Tuesday, with a tournament that runs today and tomorrow. The Associated Student Government will be taking an informal survey of the student body to determine the general feeling on the Jack White tournament.

Student Program Specialist David Buckley, said there is some controversy over the money involved in the tournament. "Jack White is definitely a figure that draws a lot of attention in all respects," Buckley stated.

