



Staff Photo by Duffy Coffman

SOGGY DOGGY--Neither rain, nor wind, nor cold of day, keeps this sopping pooch from his appointed round of guarding his masters pick-up. He did not appear to be happy about it, however.

Volunteer help provides in-home care for elderly

By Tina Riggs
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Clackamas Community College and "Action," a federally funded volunteer agency, are joining forces on a new program called the Senior Companion Program (SCP).

The SCP is a program that enables senior citizens to aid other elderly people living at home. The program also provides low-income seniors with needed income while performing community services.

Seniors involved in the program will work approximately 20 hours a week aiding elderly who have trouble caring for themselves. Their duties range from simply talking to light housework and preparing meals. SCP workers may also take their elderly companions

outside of their homes. The idea of the program is to delay the transfer of elderly residents to costly nursing homes.

SCP workers are paid less than minimum wage. However, "Action" pays for meal and mileage reimbursement, liability insurance, sick leave, vacation time and an annual health screening.

Each volunteer will visit five to seven citizens per week. The elderly who will benefit from the SCP program are referred by social service agencies such as Welfare and the American Cancer Society.

The Senior Companion Program is a part of the CCC gerontology program. The program budget can employ 12-15 volunteers. For additional personnel, SCP must ask the community to help fund the program.

The college was picked because of the strong gerontology community emphasis. Lane Community College is among a few other local colleges that are involved in the SCP program.

A one-month volunteer training session consisting of 40 hours instruction started January 25. The volunteers are paid for the first month's training and four hours a month thereafter.

To work in the program, one must be over 60 years old and have a personal income of under \$5,300 or joint income of \$7,100. The stipends are not taxable, so they won't affect participants' social security or welfare benefits.

Ruth Alldrege, an employee at the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), comments, "I think the Senior Companion Program will be very successful. A few couples from RSVP are already doing what we call 'friendly visiting.' We have only started, but I think it is going to work."

County senior services levy, new ASG senators top agenda

By J. Dana Haynes
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The Associated Student Government Thursday voted to aid and support the passage of a three-year senior services levy sponsored by Clackamas County.

ASG Assistant to the President, Joe Schweizer headed the opposition. "There are many things that the ASG agreed to do this year that are getting ignored," he said. "I don't think we can afford to work on an outside project."

Clackamas County Supervisor Jane Tomlin asked the ASG for their endorsement and help in passing out pamphlets. ASG Senate Liaison John Shaffer said in support of the action that "All they're asking from us is a little time. This

is a worthy cause and I think we should help out."

A committee of five ASG members will be formed to help pass the levy.

If it succeeds, the levy would cost home owners in Clackamas County \$.21 per \$1,000 in the estimated value of their land.

In other business, two senate positions were filled, bringing the total number of new senators to four since the beginning of the term.

Mel Blair, a second-year business major, and Ron Eckert, a new student at the College, were appointed to the positions. Pat Smith and Becky Olman accepted their senate seats at the Jan. 14 meeting.

The new appointees

replace Laurel Cates, Dave Cook, Pat Glenn, and Mike Shaw, who all resigned sighting personal reasons.

The ASG also unanimously approved a funding request from Senator Mike Doan for a summer theatre production at the College. Doan and several other students were granted \$480 to stage the play "Whose Life Is It, Anyway?"

The show will be the College's first summer stock performance and will be performed in August. It will be directed by CCC student David Harvey, who has been cast in the College's winter production, "Not Any More."

The ASG Ways and Means Committee suggested the request be approved, and that funds be drawn from the "Concerts, Plays, and Exhibi-

tions" line item in the 1982-83 budget.

The Bahai Club Constitution was denied ASG recognition because the information submitted was incomplete. No advisor was listed.

Student Activities specialist Dave Buckley noted that even if the ASG had approved the Bahai Club request, they would not have qualified for ASG funding.

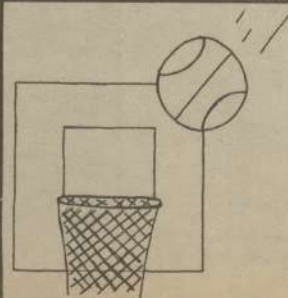
"The ASG cannot fund any religious organization, and that is what the Bahai Club is. All they are requesting is acknowledgement from the ASG that they are an official club," he said.

ASG will hold its weekly meeting tomorrow at noon in the Fireside Lounge. The meeting is open to students and the public.



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