

EVENTS CALENDAR

Wednesday, Dec. 1 Private Pilot's Seminar BR A & B 7-10:00 p.m.	Thursday, Dec. 2 Traffic Appeals Board CC 101 3-5:00 p.m.	Friday, Dec. 3 "Appointment With Death" Theater 8-10:00 p.m.	Saturday, Dec. 4 Explorer Scouts Olympics Gym 8:00 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Sunday, Dec. 5 Old Time Fiddlers Jam CC Mall 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
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Viet Nam vet

Ricketson represents Oregon



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It was called the "National Salute to Vietnam Veterans" and it was five days of events and celebrations culminating in the dedication in Washington D.C., Saturday Nov. 13, of a V-shaped slab of black granite inscribed with the names of all 57,692 Americans killed or listed as "missing, presumed dead" during the Vietnam War.

Attending that dedication were 65 Oregonian veterans, including Clackamas Community College Video Technology Instructor Carlos Ricketson.

"I went back to a conference in New York City and then went down to Washington D.C. and joined the Oregon group," Ricketson said. Ricketson, 35, was in Navy boot camp in 1964 when the Tonkin Gulf incident launched America into the war. He was stationed in various posts throughout Viet Nam, finally being discharged three and a half years later. He arrived home in time to watch the massive "Tet Offensive" on T.V. "I was glad to be at home watching that one. My unit was hit pretty hard in that, some of my buddies were killed," he said.

The memorial and dedication, though controversial, pleased Ricketson. "It was a good way to memorialize those who made the supreme

sacrifice. It (the memorial) is black and set into a hillside like a tomb, a tomb of recognition."

The memorial was planned, built and funded through a private venture by a Viet Nam veteran. It cost \$7 million to construct and took three years to get the funding from individuals, businesses and corporations. Permission was granted to put the memorial in the D.C. mall where Lincoln, Washington and Jefferson memorials are located, and each state was asked to send a delegation of veterans. Each group had to raise their own funding.

Events the week before the dedication included senate hearings on benefits for the families of men killed in Viet Nam and a ceremony at the Arlington National Cemetery. The dedication was preceded by a big parade from the Capitol building to the memorial.

"It was real inspiring," Ricketson said. "People were applauding and saying 'Welcome home.' D.C. people were bending over backwards to be nice. They were always buying us drinks and some cab drivers weren't accepting money from us. It was a national coming-home party and it was needed. There was no coming-home process at the time. By the time the war was over everyone was tired of Viet Nam, they didn't want to deal with it. Everyone was too burnt out," he said.

Ballot Measure, press relations top conference

The Community College's of Oregon Student Associations and Commissions (CCOSAC) held its Fall Workshop on Nov. 19-21. The conference was, in the opinion of the Executive Chairperson Brian Gardner, "the most productive CCOSAC workshop that I've been involved with. The Community College's of this state are really coming of age."

taxes. The community colleges receive a large proportion of their budgets from taxes.

Brenda Babcock of the Oregon Committee (a lobbying organization) and Bob Scanlon, a banker and former manager of the Multnomah County tax collection agency, spoke to the gathered students on what changes, if any, the tax systems of the state will undergo.



Brian Gardner

Several Clackamas Community College students attended the three-day affair, including Associated Student Government members, the Editor in Chief of *The Print*, and Gardner, who is a student at the College.

The conference was held at Portland Community College's Sylvania (Beaverton) campus, and drew representatives from all 13 Oregon community colleges. The purposes of the workshop were varied, and included sessions on effective student government/student newspaper relations, the management responsibilities of an ASG and "The Implications of Measure 3; How Oregon Taxes Will Be Restructured."

Ballot Measure 3 was an initiative that would have severely cut back property

Babcock felt that a Ballot Measure-3-type bill will undoubtedly come up for vote in two years if the state legislature does not change the current tax system. "It (Measure 3) cannot be defeated again," Babcock said. "The measure that was written on Ray Phillips' kitchen table almost caused chaos in this state." Phillips was the originator of Measure 3.

Other sessions at the conference included a cadre of student editors from throughout the state, who fielded questions from the various ASG members. The Editors In Chief included Bob Malchow of Central Oregon Community, Wayne Allen of Chemeketa, Reid Idleford of PCC, Kevin Violette of Clatsop County Community, Steve Ouellette of Rogue Community and J. Dana Haynes of Clackamas.

