



Bob Ellis, dean of community education

Photo by Troy Maben

Board adopts new plan

By Brett Bigham
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By a vote of five to one, the Clackamas Community College School Board adopted a plan to allow the school to contract classes out to local businesses. This would provide students with an opportunity to take classes in word-processing off campus and to work with equipment that the College does not own.

"The College was unable to handle the students' needs, so we developed a program through a private firm that has the word processing equipment," Bob Ellis, dean of community education said.

According to Ellis the equipment for the class is too

expensive and becomes obsolete far too quickly for the College to make a substantial investment.

The College, however, will not be spending any money on the new courses. "The nice thing about this particular program is we didn't have to buy equipment-it's already there," he said.

"Whenever we contract out, we try to recoup all the direct costs of the course," Ellis said, "Unless we get all the money back they offer no class." The direct costs of the courses are for payment for instruction and the use of equipment. "In many cases we get back more than the cost of the course."

Ellis further said, "The classes are going over quite well. Approximately 125 people have gone through the program since last spring.

"Generally we find people who are taking the course to be in the job market," Ellis said, "It is the situation where you have to know 'this' now and not in a year. People who take the class need the skill in a short period of time. "Students seem to prefer a two week condensed course instead of a full year," he said.

There is a possibility of more off-campus courses being offered. "We would use this sort of program where there is a student need greater than the school can offer."

Instructor/deputy rescues youth from river

By Jenni Weber
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An early morning swim was in store for Clackamas County Sheriff Deputies Wayne Smith and Dave Byrne as they saved the life of a 16-year-old Oregon City youth last Tuesday.

Smith, 39, is a substitute teacher for the Fire Science Program at Clackamas Community College. Smith became a deputy in Washington 13 years ago mainly because he "enjoyed meeting people."

At approximately 1:25 a.m. Smith was alerted to watch for an automobile being driven erratically in the Oregon City area. Smith spotted the vehicle on the I-205 freeway and attempted to get the driver to pull over. Byrne later entered the pursuit as the

youth attempted to elude the deputy.

After chasing the auto to Riverside Park the deputies assumed he would stop at the turn-around. "The car was going approximately 35-40 mph when the car plunged off a boat ramp and began to sink after floating 75-77 feet from shore," Smith said.

"It was obvious he had no idea of where he was going," Byrne said.

After dumping their arms on the ground both deputies tried diving underwater to save the youth, but muddy conditions held back the deputies' efforts.

"We thought he was a 'goner' after about two minutes underwater," Byrne said.

"We knew once he got

himself out of the car we could get him out of the water," Smith said.

After returning to the bank the deputies spotted the suspect surface once, then disappear under the water once again. The deputies rescued him only after the youth plunged underwater the third time.

"He (the youth) was so confused and exhausted from struggling to the surface he started to swim the wrong way," Smith said. "The water was very cold."

Deputies took the youth in custody and went to the sheriff's office, where the juvenile was booked on charges of attempting to elude police officers. He was later turned over to his parents.

"This is really the first time

I've had to save someone from drowning," Smith said.

"The water was so cold you became numb as soon as

you hit the water. The fire department told us later it was between 35 and 40 degrees," Byrne added.



Deputy sheriff/instructor, Wayne Smith

Photo by Jenni Weber

Financial aid info now available

Despite economic tough times, several scholarships are either available now or just around the corner, according to the Clackamas Community College Financial Aid Office.

Applications are now available for the Northwest Oregon Operators Section Scholarship, specifically designed for Waste Water

Technology students. The deadline for this is Monday, March 7.

Health, Physical Education and Human Service students can also pick up applications for monetary help. The deadline is also March 7, and applications can be obtained in the Financial Aid office in the Community Center.

The Women's Maritime/International Trade Scholarship is also available, the deadline for which is April 15.

Last, information on the up-coming Bertha P. Singer Scholarship is now obtainable.

For more information on the above mentioned aids, or with any other questions, contact Financial Aid, ext. 422.

Book exchange to benefit students



Shirene Hayes

One of the largest expenses for college students is the purchase of textbooks required for classes. Depending on the major and the amount of credit hours taken, these books may cost \$100 or more. Even if the books have been "used," the prices still mount up.

In an attempt to lower these costs, the Associated Student Government is sponsoring a book exchange. It will take place at the end of Winter term, March 14-17; and the first two weeks of the spring term March 28-31 and April 4-7. Sign up sheets will be

posted in the Community Center stating which books people wish to sell.

When a student brings in a book to be sold, a record is filed on that book telling who owns it, and for how much it is being sold. If a prospective customer wishes to buy the book, he then takes the notice from the board and goes to the Student Activities office to look over the book.

The sale runs between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., Monday through Friday. Students have until April 7 to pick up their unsold books. For more information contact ext. 245.

Dean seeks ASG aid

Norm Bursheim, art instructor at Clackamas Community College, asked the Associated Student Government for financial help in his quest to construct a display cabinet for ceramics to go in the cafeteria.

The project has been dragging on for three years Bursheim said, and he felt it was time he came to the ASG, after inquiring almost everywhere else.

"We have some of the best art of any community college in Oregon, and it is not being displayed," Bursheim said.

"The display case would go against the inside wall of the cafeteria. It would be constructed of walnut, glass and mirrors, with the perfect type of lighting so it would glow," Bursheim said.

The ASG also heard from Lee Fawcett, assistant dean of

Student Aid and Support Services. Fawcett requested commitment to help with the upcoming "Take Charge Day."

The event will be held April 16 at the College to help people cope with today's economic problems, Fawcett said. He is looking for about 100 volunteers to make the event successful.

The Instructional Council at the College is looking into a new addition to the grading procedures. The addition would be a plus-minus system, but it would only be used for "B's" and "C plus'." ASG president Paul Nastari made mention of the system to get input from student government.

Also at the meeting, the election dates for next year's ASG positions were set. The elections will take place April 18, 19, 20. Petitions are due by April 7.

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