

AFS student finds home

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Ask a student from Ghana, Africa, what is the most surprising thing he finds out about Oregon, and you will receive with a chuckle: "The rain."

Rain, the rural setting, and the amount of poverty in Oregon were items that surprised Ghanaian John Sagoe when he first visited Oregon as a high school senior in 1981. Sagoe was then involved in the American Field Service (AFS), an organization that sponsors students as they travel and live in a foreign country for up to a year.

Sagoe said he liked the educational system of Oregon so much he returned in 1982, and plans to stay for four or five years until he completes his education.

"I've decided that I would like to have as much schooling as possible," he said.

Sagoe is currently a full-

time student at the College and is studying international relations. He lives in Oregon City with the family that housed him during the time he was an AFS student.

Like most foreign exchange students, Sagoe says he had a misleading picture in his mind of what America would be like, which he attributed mainly to television and movies.

"I had this Fantasy Island sort of picture. The whole country was supposed to be like New York—I didn't know there was any place like Oregon," he said.

"As for poverty, I didn't expect there was going to be so much," Sagoe said.

Another reason Sagoe came to Oregon to go to school was to get away from the disturbance of warfare in Ghana. Here, he says, "the schooling is a lot calmer, and has a better environment."

Sagoe's parents, who both

work for the Ghanaian Government, and his two sisters and one brother all live in Ghana.

When asked if he feared his family's safety back home in Accra, the capital of Ghana, Sagoe said that he didn't, saying "if you stay out of local politics, and are not an activist, you will be all right. My parents are not wanted people," he said.

Future plans for Sagoe include possibly attending the University of Oregon, after which he would like to get a job in international politics, since traveling is his hobby.

"I aim towards the United Nations," he said.

But for now Sagoe is content attending college, writing a series of stories on foreign students for *The Print*, acting as a volunteer for the Mountain Park Convalescent Home in Lake Oswego, and being an Associated Student Government Senator.



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Photo by Shirene Hayes

Many out-of-state jobs available to students

While there will be no local summer jobs open to Clackamas Community College students until the first part of May, Placement Specialist Kate Ellis said that there are out-of-state jobs available.

"All we're asking students now is if they want to go out of state," she said.

The out-of-state jobs range from working in parks, to resorts and summer camps, and have wages between \$3.35, \$4.50, and up to \$5 an hour.

Students interested in finding out more about the jobs can contact the Career Development and Placement Center, or consult the 1983 Summer Employment Directory, a book that Ellis said lists

at least 300-400 different job opportunities throughout the United States. The directory is located at the reference desk of the College's library.

Ellis also stressed the importance of looking for summer jobs as soon as possible. "Spring break is the best time now," she said.

As for the overall look of the job market for College students, "It's going to be horrible for another year," Placement Director Marv Thornley said. Thornley, who bases his opinion on those of Economist Bob Parks, said "employers are being very cautious; people right now can't even afford to hire their own family."

"We've not made as many referrals as we have in the past," Ellis added.

Rubella case confirmed

There has been one confirmed case of rubella on campus, Student Health Nurse Bonnie Hartley-Linse said. The existence of the illness is considered dangerous to women in their first trimester of pregnancy.

The case occurred in late February, and concerned a male student at the College. The name of the student was not released.

Rubella, also known as german measles, is not com-

mon in this area. "Although there has only been one confirmed case on campus, the disease is not considered eradicated," Hartley-Linse said. "There is still a potential of harm to pregnant students, staff or faculty members."

The public Health clinic has been informed and is investigating the situation. Pregnant women, or people with questions and concerns, may contact Hartley-Linse at ext. 250.

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