

# Self-concept key to development program

## Education Development Department serves 2,000

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The Education Development Department at Clackamas Community College started with four students in 1965 before the campus was even constructed. Today, the program has stretched to help 2,000 students yearly and expanded to three local cities.

The most well-known program is the General Educational Development (GED) and Adult High School Diploma programs. Each of these are designed for students who dropped out of high school and are interested in completing the rest of their education. Both programs offer certificates equivalent to a high school diploma.

"We are not only here for the GED, but to build their (students) skills as well," Carol Evans, director of the program, said. "The most success is not from the completion of their requirements, but the building of their self-concept. That is the majority of what we try to do."

Along with the certificate programs the department offers, it is also divided into an English as a Second Language

area and an Option area that deals with other educational and skill options for the students.

All of the courses offered through this department are pre-college level, and most are non-college credit (some courses can be used as both). Also, since the program is subsidized all classes are free.

keep a balance.

Evans feels very fortunate to have such support from a moral and financial point of view. The only limits she says the program has is the dream of a larger facility to help the students individually.

Another problem that haunts the center is that people

whether or not to drop out."

Even though there are many myths that go along with the GED program, Evans thinks employers are generally accepting the equivalency programs. A high school diploma is not for everyone, she said.

Another positive standpoint the program is developing is they encourage students to take college courses after their GED requirements. She estimated that 30 percent of the students continue on to college classes.

One negative aspect that people bring up with GED programs is that the high school dropout is not emotionally ready to take on campus life. Evans thinks this is a valid argument and for the ones who she feels are not ready, she will advise to come back later.

Dave Simkins, a GED teacher presently employed by the College, was a GED student. He earned his while in the Navy, and Evans feels he adds an "on-hands experience" quality as a counselor for the students.

Evans thinks the first goal of the department is to make the student feel important.



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The extent of this program has grown the past year. Evans said that 51 percent of the students that participated in the graduation ceremonies at the College last year were GED or Adult High School Diploma students.

Students vary from the ages of 16 and older, even though about 75 percent of them are directly from high school. Evans would like to see more older adults involved to

have a myth about GED programs--that they are a step below a high school education. "The GED can't do what is covered in four years of high school. I know it is not the same. You have to admire them (students) for coming back from a personal standpoint," Evans said.

"I don't talk them down," Evans continued. "You have to admire a GED student. Some people do not have the choice

# sports

## Clackamas upset in Tartan Cup invite

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A nationals qualifying time by a relay team and a fine performance by long distance man Steve Gogl highlighted the College men's track and field team's second place finish at the Tartan Cup invitational last Saturday at Spokane. Spokane Community College was the meet champion with 81 points, followed by Clackamas and Bellevue with 68 and 45 points, respectively.

The 400 meter relay team of Steve Kuchabsky, Jeff Tressler, Cameron Brennon, and Les Taylor completed their race in 41.5 to take first at the meet and earn a berth in the National Junior College Athletic Association nationals meet.

Tressler also placed second in the meet with a personal best 48.7 in the 400 meters. The 48.7 time was his first ever sub-49 second performance in the 400.

Tressler's day also included a part in the second place 1600 meter relay team, which also included Ivan Coleman, Jon Elston and Dan Dugan. The quartet finished the race in 3:22.



Kelly Sullivan

Kuchabsky took third in the 100 meter high hurdles with a time of 15.3.

Gogl, who assistant coach Kelly Sullivan lauded as the team's outstanding performer in Saturday's meet, won the 5,000 meters in 14:42 and finished the steeple chase in 9:30 to take second.

Ken Valasquez, who leads the nation with a 14:28 5,000 took third in the meet in that event with a 14:47 time. Jim Edmark finished just 11

seconds behind Gogl for fourth place in the steeple chase.

Roger Barnhurst, currently leading the nation's junior colleges with a 245-10 javelin throw, was in top form Saturday and won the event with a throw of 242 feet.

Tony Aldredge placed second to Barnhurst with the season's best throw of 212-6. He also was runner up in the discus and shot put with throws of 151-1 and 49-10 1/2 in the respective events.

The school's long jump record was tied Saturday by second-year man Marcell Douglass who finished third in the meet with a jump of 23-4. Douglass tied the record he had set last season.

Larry Cummings finished second to Douglass in the long jump with a personal best of 22-10. He was also the meet's best in the triple jump with a hop, skip and jump of 44-1.

Scott Anderson finished second to Cummings in the triple jump at 43-7.

Other high finishers for the Cougars were Jon Elston, who placed second in the 400 meter intermediate hurdles, Mike Dingaman taking third in the

same event, and Brian Abshire, who nabbed third in the 1500 meters.

Sullivan had mixed reactions to his team's second place finish.

"We had some people who competed well and some

who didn't," he explained. "We're heading in the right direction, we just need to get in shape."

The Cougars next competition is this Saturday at the University of Portland Invitational.



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