

Resource center provides services for women

By Shelley Stone
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There is a place primarily for women on campus, which is quiet and relaxing. It's a place where one can read, talk with other women and get personal assistance from the staff on duty.

The Women's Resource Center, which was initiated in 1981 under the direction of Dr. Karen Lever, is a small room with an abundance of information. The center keeps a calendar where women can find out about upcoming events, classes and seminars. The center also has a library with many books on women and women's issues.

Lever said that frequent requests are for help concerning child care, legal aid, psychological counseling, food, shelter and fuel

assistance.

The resource center is separate from the Clackamas County Women's Center, located off campus on Beaver-creek Road. The county women's center is a non-profit organization, while the College's center is funded by the College and is part of the special programs division.

The center's staff consists of work study students who are specially trained in maintenance, library skills and "people skills," or communications with people.

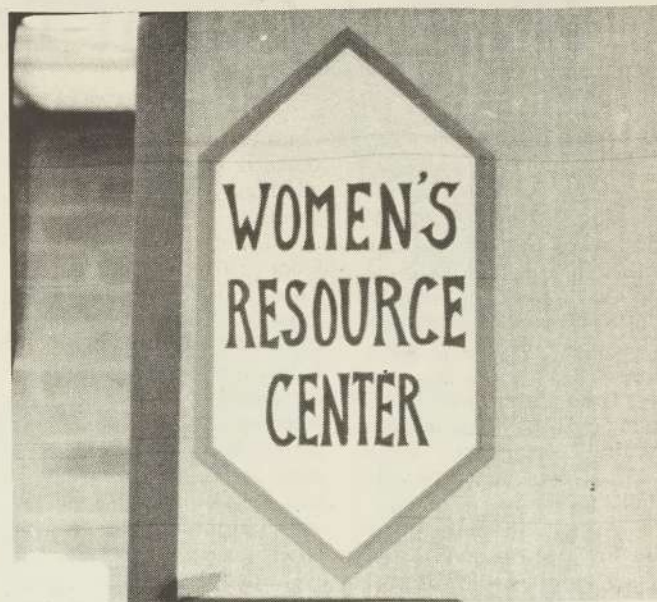
"I've got the best work study staff I've ever had. That's what keeps us open 40 hours a week," Lever said. She encourages anyone to volunteer to work for the women's resource center.

Lever is also the women's special programs coordinator,

in charge of the Focus on Women/Focus on Men seminars and classes, the most popular of the women's center programs.

The resource center is open from 9 to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Most everything is free and open to the public as well as students and staff.

Upcoming women's seminars include Women in Management II, which is to be held Jan. 19, 7-10 p.m., in the Community Center Small Dining Room; Financial Planning for Women will be held Jan. 26, 7-10 p.m. in the Community Center Small Dining Room. The main seminar this year will concern International Women's Day, March 8, and will include a Women in Politics panel discussion. The time and place for the seminar has not yet been chosen.



WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER harbors a variety of services for women. Upcoming classes, events and seminars are some of the information that can be found there.

College History

College hall named after 'White-Headed Eagle'

(Editor's note:) the following story is one of a series featuring the history of Clackamas Community College and the people who influenced it. Such articles will be appearing periodically in The Print.

By Judy Barlow
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Many students pass through McLoughlin Hall, but how many know whom the building was named after or his achievements? The hall was named after Dr. John McLoughlin. He was known as the white-headed eagle by the Chinook Indians because of his snow-white hair and his height of six feet four inches. He was also their symbol of power and justice. In 1957 he was declared by the state Legislature as the "Father of Oregon."

McLoughlin was born on October 19, 1784 in Riviere du Loup, Quebec, Canada. His nationality was Irish on his father's side and Scottish on his mother's side. He was baptized a Catholic, but for some reason he was reared in the Church of England. In 1842 at Fort Vancouver the Archbishop Blanchet returned him to the Catholic faith.

From 1824 to 1846 he was the chief factor (general manager) of the

Columbia Department of the Hudson Bay Company in the Oregon Country. Even though McLoughlin was a British citizen and worked for a British-owned company, his loyalties shifted to the American settlers. He supplied provisions to the newcomers, as many arrived at Fort Vancouver penniless and starving. At this time he met Margaret McKay, whom he soon married. They were blessed with four children, John, Eliza, Eloisa and David.

During the depression of 1837, the frontier became deepest in debt and the hardest hit. This caused 10,000 pioneers to take to the Oregon Trail which led to Fort Vancouver. As they arrived, McLoughlin would give them food, shelter, clothing, medicine and rest. The sick were hospitalized and the women and children were provided sanctuary during the cold winter months.

The first missionaries to arrive were Marcus Whitman and his party. McLoughlin provided them with boats, lumber, guides and workmen to help build the missions. Mrs. Whitman and the women of the party were kept at the Fort during the first winter for their own safety and comfort.

In 1845 the Lords of the Hudson Bay Company in London issued orders that the Americans were to receive no



Clackamas Community College's McLoughlin Hall

help whatsoever. At the same time nearly nine hundred immigrants, the first great immigration to Oregon, were being led by Peter Burnett, first Governor of California. The settlers became bogged down one hundred miles from Vancouver, due to the fall rains and river rapids. McLoughlin received a message stating that the Indians were planning to attack the settlers. Promptly he sent assistance, also letting the Indians know they were not to harm the immigrants. The settlers were brought safely through by means of his help and influence.

The Hudson Bay Company was dying, therefore causing the Lords to

come back once more with savage orders: "No more assistance to the American immigrants." For this reason McLoughlin's resignation was given and dated November 1845. It was to take effect in one year.

Dr. McLoughlin, along with his wife, widowed daughter, Eloisa, and his son, David, moved to Oregon City. He built a home near the falls of the Willamette and began a new life. He soon owned a sawmill, a gristmill (a mill for grinding grain) and a store. He also became a citizen of the United States in 1851. On September 3, 1857, Dr. John McLoughlin passed away.

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