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Candidates prepare for elections

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Only one week remains before Clackamas Community College students will cast their ballots for the elected offices of Associated Student Government president and vice president.

Two candidates who will be seeking the jobs this year are presidential-hopeful Jenny Metzker and vice presidential-hopeful Shawnee Christensen.

Other contenders in the ASG elections may include Sandy Bush for president and Tim York for vice president. An unexpected family emergency caused Bush to be out of town last week, and although her petition is still with ASG Vice President Linda Cox, there is a possibility (not determined as of press time) that the two candidates may withdraw from the elections.

Metzker and Christensen

are running on a ticket together, because each said they have similar goals and ideas in regards to serving on the College's ASG. Both candidates received their first taste of College politics by serving as student government senators this school year.

Metzker, 19, is a graduate of Gervais High School, located between Woodburn and Salem. She is currently majoring in business merchandising, and is interested in

eventually attending Willamette University to study law.

During her four years at Gervais, Metzker served on the school's executive cabinet of government and was in charge of activities such as the prom (she was responsible for organizing the school's first prom), senior raffle and car washes, as well as serving as senior class treasurer.

These four years of experience, coupled with her one year as activities senator for the College, were what prompted Metzker to run for ASG president. "I felt like I could do it this time. I have a lot of time to put into this school," she said.

Vice presidential candidate Christensen graduated from Molalla Union High School. Originally from Utah, 18-year-old Christensen moved to Molalla during her senior year. Her current major is business management and she hopes to enter the business world after leaving the College.

In contrast to Metzker's high school experience in student government, Christensen said the only major high school activities she participated in was a girl's club called CHAG (Cyprus High Associated Girls) in Utah, and the Future Business Leaders of America at Molalla.

Although her political experience stems mainly from serving as the ASG's presidential senator this year, Christensen explained that times came up during the year when Cox had to be away from her duties. Christensen said she filled in for her and through this she said "I saw what the student government does."

One primary goal for both of the candidates, should they be elected, is to pass the budget for the College. "It's our first and most important goal," Metzker said. Metzker and Christensen also said they

would like to get students to express their opinions more to the ASG. "You have to pull teeth in order to get it (public opinion) around here," Christensen said.

Unifying the students into a more active group on campus is another goal both candidates would like to accomplish. "The people don't have a sense of belonging," Christensen said, after which Metzker said, "We're here to run the school for students, not just for us."

Metzker added she would like to have more community and student support for the College. "My motto is to fight to keep what we have," she said.

Another item Christensen and Metzker have in common is their enjoyment at having served as ASG senators this year. "It taught me so much. I've learned my physical limits, but I've also learned how good it is to keep working until you get something done—by pushing yourself you feel so much better," Christensen said.

Both Christensen and Metzker also thank ASG advisor Dave Buckley for his development of a course designed to help teach ASG officers how to work as a team. Entitled the Ropes Course, Metzker and Christensen explained that through achieving activities that demand teamwork, such as scaling a 20-foot wall and trusting other student government members enough to fall backwards into their arms, the members of the ASG learned how to help one another and work as a team.

It is through experiences such as these they feel they are qualified to run for the elected offices of the ASG. "We feel we have the experience," Metzker said. "We know how the ASG runs," Christensen added.



Jenny Metzker



Shawnee Christensen

Photos by Russ McMillen

Recognition scholarships open

Financial Aid Officer Scott Fischer announced the opening of the 1984-85 Work Recognition Scholarships, which are given to encourage first-year students to continue studying at Clackamas Community College and recognize them for their academic excellence.

The six full-tuition scholarships are distributed in the math, foreign language

and business departments. The recipients must maintain excellence in academics and provide 33 hours per term of curriculum-related services for their department.

"The scholarship is designed to recognize first year students and encourage them to continue here," Fischer said. "It has been a successful program for us."

Applications for the tuition waiver scholarships are available in both the financial aid office and the chosen departments' offices. Deadline for the applications is May 11, and the recipients will be chosen by May 18. For more information please contact one of the three departments' offices or the Financial Aid Office.

