

Dental insurance plan offered to students

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In addition to having student medical coverage this year at Clackamas Community College, a dental insurance plan called Denti Plan is also being offered.

One of the areas of responsibility for Debbie Baker, director of student activities, is health services. "The College has been hunting for the last several years to come up with a group health insurance plan," Baker said. She explained the dental insurance plan was first discovered through a meeting at the Community Colleges of Oregon Association and Com-

missions (CCCOSAC), which is a state student organization, dent organization.

"I thought about the dental plan for awhile but didn't pay too much attention, then I asked the people who were helping us get the group health insurance plan if it was any good. The broker firm who was helping us did about six months of research on this particular plan," Baker said.

Nina Stratton, a representative from Cascade Employee Benefits (CEB) Insurance is a member of the brokerage firm that assisted the College in researching the dental plan. "We conducted six months

research to be sure that Denti Plan was the company to recommend the Colleges,"

Stratton said. Research consisted of attending meetings dentists participating in the plan went to, and contacting between six and eight colleges throughout the United States who were already using the plan.

The response from the participating dentists and colleges was very positive. Stratton said Denti Plan has been in existence for 12 years and is now operational in Oregon, Washington, California, Utah, Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, North Dakota,

Oklahoma, Minnesota, Virginia and Maryland. The plan is also expanding in Kansas, Iowa, Illinois and Pennsylvania.

After evaluating the research information, the College decided it was a good plan that may help students interested in having dental insurance. Denti Plan brochures are available to students at the student activities counter in the Community Center and the health trailer near Randall Hall.

The annual membership fee for an individual is \$39. For this amount students can receive a full-mouth x-ray, oral examination and diagnosis, teeth cleaning and polishing, preventive dental education and office visits. All other items are offered at reduced rates and are listed on the dental plan's enrollment form.

Baker and Stratton both stressed the fact that when students sign up with this plan they have to go to one of the participating dentists listed in the brochure. If a student has a dentist they go to regularly, they should check to find out if he/she is a participant in the Denti Plan. If the dentist is not and the student would like to participate in the plan, CEB Insurance would like to explain the benefits of Denti Plan by calling Stratton at 297-8161.

Students enrolling in the plan will receive an identification card within 20 days. They may see a dentist 10 days after filling out and mailing in the enrollment card. Students do not have to wait for their identification card to see a participating dentist.

Students with additional questions concerning the dental plan can contact the College's Student Activities Office



YDA ANSLOW, mother of student, relaxes as Carole Robertson takes blood at College blood

drive. The blood drive netted 78 pints of blood with 11 deferrals.

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New senators begin work

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Ten students were chosen last week to be Associated Student Government (ASG) Senators. The senators began work right away, attending a retreat with the ASG Executive Council.

Denise Fragasso, Eric Laitinen, Kelly O'Rourke, Philip Smith and Mary Tarbet

are working with ASG Activities Director Kay Brant. Some of their goals set at their retreat last weekend at Menucha are to work well as a group and to raise money for activities through dinner theaters, family movie evenings and dances. They also plan to publish a calendar of

events for winter term, Eric Laitinen, activities senator said.

Brant said the retreat was "great, very productive," and she also said she feels "really confident that the senators and executive council members will work well together."

Becky Riback is working with Administrative Assistant Beth Wilder in the ASG office by typing, filing and doing necessary correspondence.

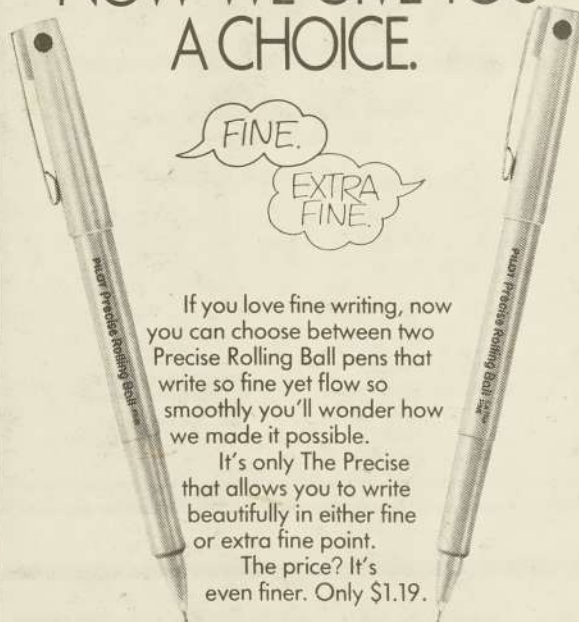
Riback said the main goal her and Wilder have set is to reorganize the bookmart. They plan on arranging it "as a store instead of just at the counter, like it has been in the past," Riback said. This means they will set regular

hours for the 'store' and will post them. Riback said she feels that type of system would work better and be more efficient.

Aiding Debbie Cayton, assistant to the president are Rick Brown and Henry Palacios. Their main job duties will be on checking the suggestion boxes around campus and following through on these suggestions.

Vice Presidential Senators are Cheryl Champlain and Victor Price. These two senators work with Shawnee Christensen, ASG vice-president, to keep the recreation room in order and to organize clubs, elections and next fall's senate selection process.

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