

Furnace repair offered to senior citizens

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can receive credit for participation.

At a time of the year when heat is a necessity for all households, Clackamas Community College is currently offering furnace repair to low-income senior citizens through its Senior Citizen Program.

The program is being handled through the College's Thermal Energy Department and is the brainchild of Thermal Energy Instructor Eugene Mazza.

Mazza said he had devised such programs in the poorer sections of New York, such as Harlem, as well as in Florida and Los Angeles, California. He said, "I decided to take a try here. I found out there was a real need for it," he added.

In its second year of operation, the program currently has more than 60 thermal energy students involved. Tracy Lee-Hoffman, student and program director for the Senior Citizen Program explained the students make house calls with an instructor to diagnose and repair mechanical problems found in furnaces or refrigerators, the two main items the students service. Students can volunteer their time for the program and

Calls for service are carefully screened for eligibility through local senior centers before they are referred to the college. As for the repairs, Lee-Hoffman said senior citizens are asked to pay for parts plus 15 percent. There is no charge for labor, which is what helps customers save money.

Mazza said the program has saved customers \$10,500 overall. He also said the Senior Citizen Program has been expanded to include helping low-income single-parent households as well.

The experience gained by having students make house calls helps them to get jobs after they have graduated. Mazza explained the "public relations aspect" is important to learning service agency work.

Students are graded not only on how well they learn design and repair work, but also how well they conduct themselves while they are on a house call. Mazza added a dress code is in use for house calls, which he said is strictly enforced.



GENE MAZZA (LEFT) and Dan Naster repair furnace for low-income senior citizen.

Lee-Hoffman, stressed the importance of this activity. "It gives us the hands-on experience we (students) need and it provides a service to the community," she said.

The success rate for employing students has been high, with 58 of the 62 students currently involved getting jobs. "Almost all students are hired during their first year of

school," Mazza said. He added that some students have been employed out of state, and one student is currently running his own business.

Because students learn many important job skills through the program, Mazza said local businesses have been supportive of it.

Anyone interested in getting help through the Senior

Citizen Program should contact their local senior center. The senior centers in Milwaukie and Oregon City are two agencies currently referring cases to the program. It is expected more people will be helped than was last year.

More than 50 calls have been received by the program since it began two years ago.

Temporary handicapped parking permits available

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Students and staff who are injured can receive a temporary handicapped parking permit from the College Public Safety Department which enables the afflicted party to park in a handicapped parking permit space until he recovers from the injury.

The official temporary handicapped parking procedures states that "If there is no visible sign of need for a temporary handicapped parking permit, i.e. crutches, wheelchair; the applicant must see the campus nurse prior to receiving the permit."

The injured student/staff member must fill out an application, have a doctor sign

the application and have the doctor estimate how long the afflicted will need the permit.

"It's a good idea to call us before they (the injured person) walk over to our office in case we are not in. Also we are willing to meet the injured person in the Community Center and give them the necessary paperwork to fill out," Stan Johnson, chief of Public Safe-

ty said.

Originally the Handicapped Resource Center issued these permits but, due to reorganizing, Public Safety is currently issuing them.

The temporary handicapped permits are to be used only on

campus and should be placed in the left rear window of the injured persons automobile, according to Public Safety.

For information on handicapped permits contact Public Safety at ext. 302, 303.

Registration dates posted

Registration dates have been posted for the Winter term for Clackamas Community College. Open registration begins on Dec. 13 for all students, and new students may register on the 12th with an appointment.

Returning students opting for an earlier registration date must set up a time for appointments beginning on Dec. 10.

Classes start on Jan. 7 and Jan. 19 will be the last day to drop a class and still receive a refund.

Students taking seven or fewer classes may save time by phoning in

their registration on Dec. 17-20. Times for phone-in registration are between 2-4 pm.

REGISTRATION SCHEDULE

Dec. 10-11: Registration for returning students with appointments

Dec. 12: Registration for all students with appointments

Dec. 13: Open registration begins

Dec. 17-20 from 2-4 p.m.: Telephone registration

Dec. 28: Mail-in registration--Portmarked before Dec. 28

Jan. 7: Classes start

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