

# Features

## Program assists women

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What do you see as the purpose of the women's programs? Does Clackamas Community College need women's programs on campus?

These are a couple of the questions on a survey form that was handed out at a staff meeting last Wednesday. The meeting was called by Caroline Knutson and Bernie Nolan, coordinators of the women's programs.

What women's programs, you ask? Have you ever noticed the Women's Resource Center sign in the hallway off the community center? "Psych, that's not what it is." That is the home of the Senior Job Program. The Focus on Women program activities are now strewn around campus (exact locations are with course listings). The programs that are now in effect at the college include: Career Development, Displaced Homemakers, and Focus on Women. (Career Development and Displaced Homemakers, credit courses, are taken simultaneously since

they are related).

Bernie Nolan, college counselor, describes Displaced Homemakers as "a quality program that 30 to 40 women attend each term." The Homemakers program is oriented towards single or married women who suddenly find themselves in the position of wanting/needing to get back into the job market.

Pat Miller, who went through the course last summer, has only the highest praise for it. "It's one of the best things that ever happened to me," she said.

Several of the graduates emphasize the confidence they have found in this course. Miller, for example, has a dispute with the Army's Pension Fund over her benefits (they were denied). Because of her new confidence, "at least now I will fight for my benefits."

In contrast to the strength of the Displaced Homemakers' Program, Bernie Nolan describes the Focus on Women activities as "lacking direction and support." This term's schedule for the Focus on

Women program includes three seminars (earns 1 credit), one current events breakfast, and a rafting trip.

At the peak of the women's program, seminars were held on the average of one a week. Due to the shrinking attendance at the activities, they are now held about once a month, Knutson said.

The surveys that were created by Caroline Knutson and Bernie Nolan help them decide if they should "keep it, modify it, or bag it (Focus on Women program)," Nolan said. Of the surveys, so far the majority are for modifying the program with suggestions as to how it should be done.

Because the surveys were given only to the staff, the coordinators are "very interested to know of any comments the students may have." This would include any problems women students are having that could be helped by this program." Survey forms are available in the counseling office, and students are welcome to fill them out," Nolan said.



United State senate candidate Rick Bauman (third from left) joins (to right) Larry Levi, Jim Roberts, and Bill Knight to judge the college pumpkin carving contest.



Clackamas Community College Faculty got into the act on Halloween. This is just a sample of what could be seen on Oct. 31. Lyn Thompson photo.

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