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Motorcycle safety offered in March

Women's program kept, modified

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"90% of people who have motorcycle accidents are self taught," Bill Spencer reported to his trainees.

Bill Spencer is a representative of Team Oregon, a motorcycle safety program which is based at Oregon State University. The program stressed the importance of learning motorcycle skills through lessons, not close call experiences. Mr. Spencer finds it "incredibly dangerous that so many riders are self taught. Riding a motorcycle requires learned skills, just like flying an airplane but, no one would ever try and fly an airplane without lessons."

When Mr. Spencer moved here a year ago from Washington, the Oregon DMV was known for its half-hearted approach to skills testing in obtaining a motorcycle endorsement. "From what I understand," Spencer said, "an instructor watched you drive around the block and if you came back alive you got a license." Spencer and Team Oregon have done a lot of coaxing to change this procedure. Motorcycle endorsements are now only issued at the three major DMVs because they are



Team Oregon representative Bill Spencer instructs potential riders how to ride safely.

equipped for a comprehensive test of basic and emergency accelerating, shifting, turning, and braking skills.

January 28, Spencer was here at Clackamas Community College holding an orientation for possible instructors, to teach the Motorcycle Rider Course here at the college. There will be two classes offered in March.

The Motorcycle Rider Course is for beginning riders and will teach "from mounting the motorcycle to the critical skills of emergency swerving, braking, and cornering." The class supplies motorcycles or scooters and the helmets. It is a five day class, and will meet March 11-14-15-18-21. The Experienced Rider Course is an eight hour

course which discusses new riding techniques and on range drills are held to practice emergency skills. Students provide their own bikes. Exact times and location can be found in the winter schedule of classes.

The good news: after completing a course many insurance companies will reduce rates.

McMurdo leaves CCC for law firm position

by Gerry Adams
Reporting II Class

Clackamas Community College will be losing a key member of its staff when Kevin McMurdo leaves his post as Assistant to the President for Institutional Advancement this month.

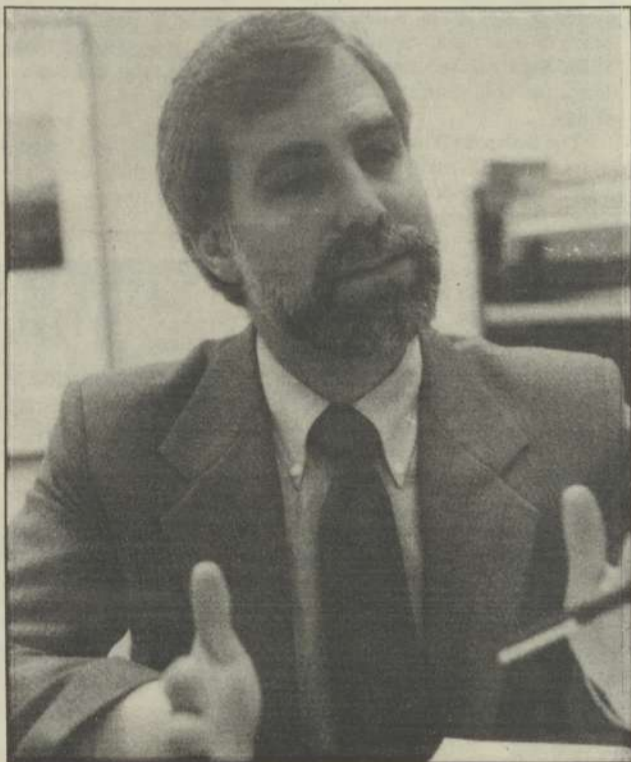
McMurdo will be joining the staff of Schawbe, Williamson, Wyatt, Moose and Roberts law firm as their Director of Client relations.

"It was not a total decision on my part," said McMurdo. "After graduating from Lewis and Clark School of Law in 1985 and passing the bar exam in '86, I wanted to find something where I could use the experience I have gained here at the college, and expand my career in law at the same time."

McMurdo joined the staff at CCC in November of 1979 as its Public Information Officer, and over the years the position has expanded into its current title.

"In the time I have been here the position I hold has expanded to the point where I am involved with community relations, planning for the goals of the school, director of resources and marketing activities," said McMurdo.

Although McMurdo could not put his finger on what was his biggest accomplishment here at the college, he did feel that with



McMurdo will become Director of client relations for a law firm.

the help of President John Keyser, he was able to play a big part in selecting some of the best people in the field to fill positions at the college

"I was given pretty much a free hand in selecting Bill Symes

as the head of Public information and Beverly Fulmore in the foundation department. We have some of the best qualified people to run the departments which make my job much easier," said McMurdo. "When Dave Dick-

son was put in charge of planning and development, the school was heading in the right direction for grant proposals at both the state and federal level."

Instead of working to keep the community involved with education, McMurdo will now have to look at the profit line in his new position.

"At the college we were always concerned with community involvement," said McMurdo. "Now I will have to look at the bottom line because of working for a private corporation." "There is no question that I am going to miss the people here at the college," said McMurdo. "You have to leave to realize how happy, helping and caring the people are you have been associated with."

The highlight of McMurdo's career at Clackamas Community College came last fall when separate celebrations were held for the college's 20th anniversary.

"We put on a big party for the staff to celebrate the 20th anniversary, then a separate gathering at the Monarch Motor Inn to acknowledge the citizens of the county that helped get the college started and gave a lot of their free time to help keep the college on the right path," said McMurdo.

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The founding of women's programs here at Clackamas Community College began in the 70's with a woman named Buzz Evans. During this period of transition for women (ERA, returning to work because of inflation) the programs were a necessity. As the 70's gave way to the 80's, Buzz Evans retired and Bernie Nolan took over as "mother hen" of the programs; and the women's programs began a transition of their own.

According to Bernie Nolan, participation in the Focus on Women program began to "fade in and out." She and administrator Caroline Knutson called a meeting of interested staff member for an objective evaluation of the program to decide if they should "keep it, modify it or bag it."

With the help of twelve concerned staff members, it was decided to keep and modify the program with the goal of more constant participation in mind.

Some facts that influenced the decision to deep the programs: 1. Women still earn \$.60 for every \$1 earned by men. 2. After divorce a woman's standard of living will decrease while a man's will increase. 3. Women make up 56% of our student body.

To improve organization and participation in the renewed program, there will be a more extensive use of publicity and a single coordinator will be appointed on a yearly basis. In the past a committee approach was used to organize the events. As Bernie Nolan put it "everyone would get excited (over planning) and then say we'll let Mickey do it." The coordinator will be a volunteer staff member and will get 20% release time from their regular schedule to plan events.

Officially, the new arrangements begin in September, but Nolan and Knutson are trying to find some extra money in the budget for a summer outdoor event and a spring term class to "kick things off." The summer event is, as yet unknown, but the class will be taught by Bernie; it will focus on women returning to work or school and help them with goal setting and value clarification. It is a credit class.

Unofficially, Bernie hopes to be the new coordinator and is negotiating with Buzz Evans for her assistance. After all, "the program is her baby, she's the one who infused the energy to get it all started in the first place," Nolan said.

