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Nursing program to be honored

by Dean Grey
Editor

The Clackamas Community College Nursing program is in the process, and has been for almost a year, of undergoing the National League for Nursing (NLN) accreditation.

At the state level the schools are required to be accredited by the state board of nursing. The college was in April of last year. The NLN, however, is voluntary and is used to show excellence in the Nursing program.

The Accreditation process is a lengthy one. It starts out with the school's decision to apply. "The NLN accreditation is a voluntary Accreditation and it is national. Its a process where programs are compared with like programs throughout the nation. Our Associate degree nursing program is compared only with other associate degree nursing programs," said Pat



Clackamas Community College nursing students and staff await accreditation.

Krumm, nursing department chairperson.

The first step in the process requires an intensive self study of the nursing program. "The NLN sends out a booklet of

criteria that the accreditation is based on. As we go through the criteria there are some things we meet just as we have always been doing things. Other things need changes or modifying. Particularly, the program philosophy and the curriculum needed a lot of our attention," continued Krumm.

The self study, based on the criteria in the NLN booklet, has to be submitted to the NLN the first week in March. It has to reach the NLN and the sight visitors a month ahead of time.

The visit, which is next in the Accreditation is scheduled for April 6,7 and 8. "The sight visitors will be here for three days. There will be two of them, and they will review all that information and be on our campus. They will talk to faculty and students and be looking at the facilities. Primarily they will be checking to see that what we said in our self study is truly what in fact we do," stated Krumm

During this time the visitors meet with the Dean of Instruction, the Assistant Dean for the division, the president, and they

go to the hospitals that will have students on those days. In addition they will be looking at documents that substantiate what is written in the self study.

At the end of the three days they will have compiled reports that they read to those involved at the college level and then send back to the NLN.

This along with the documents and self study report go back to the NLN which will convene in June to determine accreditation.

Prior to this two members of the NLN body will be assigned to the college's program and they will read the sight visitors report, the self study, and any other documents pertaining to the accreditation. Then they will bring that to the counsel and discuss whether or not to accredit the college.

"NLN accreditation is a stamp of excellence, or a verification of program of excellence, that's what it really means," continued Krumm. "It says to the public that this Associates Degree in Nursing (ADN) program meets National Standards for excellence," Krumm added.

Larry Levi



Photo by Lyn Thompson

New ASG Vice President, sworn in on Feb. 4, 1987, replaces Doug Marchant.

Parking lot attack occurs

by Mary Prath
Staff Writer

Tuesday, Feb. 3 at 9:30 p.m. a young woman was accosted in the parking lot next to the health and safety trailer. She was said to have left the music department after a class ending at 9:30. When she arrived at her car she saw a man standing by the car next to hers, and he pushed her. She went on to say that a car came up and then the attacker fled. The attacker had

an accomplice who was driving a blue Datsun.

"I want people to be aware of the crimes happening in this area," said Johnson. "There have been car robberies in the parking lot of Thriftway, Oregon City Shopping Center and here on campus. You shouldn't leave anything in your vehicle that can be seen from the outside," cautioned Johnson.

Escaping abuse

by Marie Stopelmoor
Staff Writer

Clackamas Women's Service is a community program that helps women and children who are escaping physical, emotional, or sexual abuse in their homes.

J. Vanderende, program coordinator, says, "The program grew out of concern in the community for abused women. Mainly women from that background (of abuse) helped to get it started."

"Except for a brief two week period during the holidays, Vanderende says, "We've been filled to capacity. We were still very busy, we just weren't filled to capacity in those two weeks. We've had to turn people away, that is, we don't just say sorry we're full but we've had to refer them to other shelters."

Foremost, the program offers women or children a safe place to go. Vanderende stressed, "When they get here they are in crisis, they need a safe place to be. We offer food, medical care, clothing first. Then we try to help them understand the nature of domestic violence, its cycles and patterns.

Because the program has been so successful VISTA (volunteers in service to America) volunteer, Bonnie Myhra, is developing children's program. This program will help children learn to cope with the effects of living with violence. Bonnie Myhra finds it "very gratifying to work with the children, you see some dramatic improvements. I've gotten a lot of positive feedback from the other counselors." So far, the children's program entails one-on-one time with parent and child and craft activities. Bonnie Myhra is working for an extended program that will include supervised play, parties, outdoor activities, parenting groups and larger craft projects. She already has gathered many of the supplies so she is mainly looking for staff.

The only qualification necessary to work in either the women's or children's program is "an interest" both Myhra and Vanderende contended.

Asked if women go back to the home situation very often, Vanderende pauses... "I suppose some do go back, I don't know. This is a confidential clinic. We have a follow up program but the woman has to request follow up care." Crisis phone number: 654-2288.

