

News

College insurance not available

Students not covered on activities

by Sherri Michaels
Staff Writer

Did you know that you are not covered with insurance by the college if you injure yourself on a required field trip or class?

"We have no accident insurance on students here," said Dean of Students, Jim Roberts. Clackamas carries only a liability insurance that only covers you if the college is in some way negligent.

"The reasons that Clackamas carries only this type of insurance is one, many student here are covered by some other type of insurance through their spouse or their parents and two, the cost is too high for the college," said Roberts.

The question, though, is whether the college is legally or morally responsible to carry accident insurance on the students or is the advisor/instructor responsible. Paul Kylo, Student Programs Specialist said "I think it is scary for any person who is responsible for students activities that if a student is hurt in an accident

that the advisor is also named as defendant in a law suit."

The Washington state colleges both community and four year use a wavier system that does not always hold, according to Rick Woods, an attorney in the Attorney General's office on the University of Washington campus.

The problems that are with the system is that the person

check of the various insurance companies that offer college insurance policies.

"If the college was to cover any or all 'accident insurance' it would be unpredictable in the cost of it. It would also be unacceptable to the tax payers and the board members of the college," said President John Keyser. Though he believes "everyone needs insurance in

number. The previous policy that the college had was dropped because of a discrimination suit that had been filed in Region 10. The discrimination was against pregnancy.

Since then there has not been an insurance policy offered through the college. Though Ralph Grooner has come up with two different insurance policies that are offered to individuals.

if there was a mandated insurance for the students. Thus creating a challenge for the college to devise the right type of program.

They are however exploring the possibility of mandate insurance for field trip, classes with higher risks, and the possibility of community colleges pooling their sources for a program for those students who would like to purchase insurance at a lower rate.

With the future uncertain pertaining to the coverage of students on field trips it "scared me in the fact that we don't have some type of insurance that covers students on field trips and retreats where the advisor has been conscientious about avoiding negligent situations or dangers," said Kylo.

What it come down to is if your are going on a field trip with your class make sure that you have insurance or don't go if you don't. It is hard to sue the college and prove that they were negligent.

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signing it needs to know exactly what they are signing and the dangers that are regarding the field trip prior to the field trip. Even though the person has signed the waiver they may not have realized all the potential dangers.

This issue has been brought up in the college system before but until now nothing has been done other than a systematic

this day and age and to be without it is not good."

"The college, the student government in particular, has a responsibility to find the best and least expensive insurance that is possible to offer to student," said Neale Frothingham, ASG President. Though most insurance companies do not offer insurance through the college because of the low user

The first one is through PACC with a \$250 deductible at \$30 per month and the second is through Far West with either a \$100 or \$250 deductible with \$38 per month for the \$100 deductible and \$34 per month for the \$250 deductible.

Keyser is concerned about the students with insurance that would have double coverage if they were required by the college

No personal mail for campus

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As of April 16, 1987 the Clackamas Community College on Campus mail services quit handling personal mail.

According to their mail handling regulations incoming mail that is personal mail should not be received at the college address. Such mail will be sent to the Personnel Office.

Also any personal mail will not be processed by the College. Any personal mail found in the College's mail will be returned to the originator if they can be identified. If the originator cannot be identified, the letter will be placed in a dead letter file and held for six months. After six months, the letter will be destroyed.

There have been some complaints as to the incoming mail

now being opened by someone. Some of the mail that has been opened was not personal mail but letters, thank-you notes and other messages that have pertained to work done on campus or other campus activities.

If you have any questions pertaining to this, call the Personnel Office or the mail room.

Former students assist transition to colleges

by Heleen Veenstra
News Editor

"We had a workshop aimed at students who are planning to transfer to any four year school," Bernie Nolan, counselor, said.

A transfer shock workshop was held at Clackamas Community College May 13, when three former CCC students talked about their experiences at Portland State University.

The three students are Donald

is a lot harder than community colleges. The instructors are far less available either in or out of classes. It is harder to get help when you get lost. There are more expectations for each class.

Fawcett explained the thing to do is "go right out and contact a counselor." Counselors at PSU will be available to help students to get admitted. Once they are admitted at the college, they'll get admitted into a school, and then

"go out and contact a counselor."

Brent, Dan Fawcett, both business major, and Christy Kirkman, a biology major.

Fawcett, Brent, Kirkman covered the areas of what you have to do for admittance, (forms, transcripts, getting evaluated, talking with advisors) the actual registration process, their experience in classes (what they recommended).

The main thought they expressed is that a four year college

the school adviser will take over.

About the workshop Nolan said, "I was so pleased with their (Fawcett, Brent, Kirkman) helpfulness and enthusiasm." Nolan expressed she was only a little disappointed in the attendance rate of students.

"We are going to do more things for transfer planning. I'm very pleased with this format and how the presentations went," Nolan concluded.

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New Spanish Club officers elected

The Spanish Club "Entre amigos" has successfully ended another school year.

There have been many activities in the 1986-87 academic year which everyone in the club enjoyed. They had Dinners, parties, slide presentations, cultural exhibits, and chats with a group of Costa Rican students and their leaders. Various workshops were held in which they learned about the culinary art of their Spanish neighbors.

A chocolate sale during Spring term brought the profit


needed to fulfill the club's projects for the year.

They wish to invite anyone interested in the Spanish language and its people to participate in the club. For further details contact Sra Holley in M227A.

Spanish Club officers for 1987-88 are:

Janes Ross, president
Norma Maul, vice president
Charles Alexander, Alison Campbell, and Teresa Nortel secretaries.

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