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## Board member Gregory dies at 71

A memorial service for William Charles Gregory, member of the Board of Education at Clackamas Community College, will be held today at 4 p.m. in the West Linn Lutheran Church, 20390 Willamette Drive.

Mr. Gregory passed away Saturday afternoon around 5 p.m. at a local hospital. He was 71.

Mr. Gregory has been on the board since 1970. In 1986 he was re-elected to the college board for a four-year term, that would have ended in 1990.



*William Gregory, a member of the Clackamas Board of Education for 17 years, died last Saturday in a local hospital. A memorial service is scheduled today.*

In 1986 Mr. Gregory received the Clackamas Community College Board of Education Award for Excellence.

Mr. Gregory also received in 1986 the Distinguished Service Award from the Oregon Community College Association.

"Bill was one of the most outstanding people and board member with whom I have ever been acquainted. He served almost 18 years on our board, and served four times as the board's chairman. He was so popular, I don't believe he has ever been opposed in being elected. He was just an extraordinary person and gave the college excellent leadership for the board," John Keyser, College President, stated.

## Clackamas loses couple in financial aid battle

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Ashton and Leska Adams-Cole, architectural design majors, withdrew from the college Oct. 20 following a near year long battle with the Financial Aid Office.

Under an agreement negotiated the same day by the Adams-Coles; Jim Roberts, Dean of Student Services; Lee Fawcett, Assistant Dean of Student Services; and Art Hames, Head Counselor, the married couple will be allowed to remain in academic good standing at Clackamas and the financial aid awarded to the Adams-Coles will not have to be reimbursed to the Financial Aid Office.

A similar proposal was rejected by the Financial Aid Review Board, which Hames chairs and Fawcett is a member, Oct. 15.

The Adams-Coles then took their case to College President, John Keyser, Oct. 19, which set up the compromise.

By the second week of the term, Leska Adams-Cole told the Financial Aid Review Board that the college's policies put she and her husband in a "disastrous situation" and wanted out. She told the board that they were "dead broke" and did not have the time to study for classes because they had not yet found a place to live. She claimed the Financial Aid Office literally forced them to accept a financial aid package they could not afford.

Discrimination against married couples and false advertising in Financial Aid Department publications were the chief complaints against the Financial Aid Office by the Adams-Coles. Irresponsibility was also charged.

The Financial Aid Office's budget for two married students attending the college is \$9840. A single student living in an apartment is budgeted \$5720.

The Adams-Coles said it is unfair that two unmarried students living together could receive more financial aid than a married couple in a similar financial situation.

Kathy Scheer, Financial Aid Coordinator, said Clackamas's married student budget is higher

than most other Oregon community colleges.

Roberts, dean in charge of the Financial Aid Office, said federal guidelines are the largest factor in determining student budgets.

The Adams-Coles claim the Financial Aid Office is misleading and untruthful in its publications by not informing students of the many deductions, rules, and regulations involved in administering financial aid. They cited an expected \$900 per student contribution and a limit of grants to 66 percent of a student's financial aid package as examples.

They also accused the Financial Aid Office of exaggerating its capabilities of aid in order to enroll students in the college.

"I think we provide a lot of information about financial aid and the components of financial aid," commented Roberts, "There's no intent to make it any more complicated than it has to be."

He added that the federal rules and regulations are "complicated to communicate in writing or verbally."

The Adams-Coles said their problems with the Financial Aid Office began in November 1986. The office would not follow through and respond to correspondence they said.

Roberts said the college has a large number of financial aid applications the last year. Considering this, he said response to correspondence has been good.

The Adams-Coles filed their first formal complaint against the department in June 1987.

## Grant received...

## Half-million awarded to Clackamas

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"A \$500,000 federal grant was awarded to Clackamas Community College to build a computerized information system, a student retention program, and a program to build employees basic skills in the workplace," according to David Dixon.

The monies received through the Title III grant can be used on new and/or specialized programs that strength academics, administration, and student services. "CCC needs to reapply every year (for the grant) but at a noncompetitive level," said Dixon.

The college information program is to improve the efficiency and the ability to make decisions for the college as a whole.

Chuck Adams, one of the original committee workers for the grant, will be "on loan to the program" according to Dixon.

The student success committee has given the student retention program a headstart with the assessment as to what the needs and goals of the students. Assessment before beginning classes and tracking students will be part of the plan to help students keep focused and therefore retain them longer either in transferring to four year colleges or to finish vocational programs. The part of the goal for the student retention program is to play a stronger role in helping student successes.

The Targeted Learning Center is a program that to offer basic skills to

employees in the work place and also to upgrade education and skills. The center is located in the North Clackamas area and has already been offering several services.

When the college applied last year they were fifth out of over 100 applicants and missed the grant by one standing. This year CCC was one of the two Oregon colleges to receive the grant. Dixon and his crew started over with a base from last year's proposal and the knowledge that came from writing the first proposal. They detailed the proposal with actual bids and cost and wrote a very extensive multi-page report citing when, where, what, and how the monies would be used. The programs were designed to fit the growing need of the staff, students, and community.

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