

FEATURE

College coordinates literacy effort

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The College hosted over 20 Clackamas County organizations fighting illiteracy Feb. 24 in an effort to form a county-wide literacy coalition.

According to Cyndi Andrews, learning center chairperson, over 36,000 county residents are functionally illiterate. She said the College plans to "establish a central clearing house for resources such as tutors, tutor training, workshops, and material." The college currently provides a volunteer tutor training program for organizations "providing literacy," she added.

Literacy tutors outnumber students three to one, both na-

tionally and locally, Andrews said. Project PLUS, a nationwide literacy initiative has been "almost too successful" in recruiting volunteers, she said, "We need to encourage those who need help to seek help. It's pretty hard to admit that you're illiterate."

"The Clackamas County Literacy Luncheon" hosted by the College included talks by Oregon Literacy, Inc. Executive Director Shirley Randles and Coordinator Paula Molinsky and a workshop titled "Recognizing and Referring Students with Low Reading Skills."

Persons interested in being a volunteer tutor are encouraged to contact the Learning Center.

Did you know that...

- Over one-third of the mothers who receive support from welfare are functionally illiterate.
- Of 8 million unemployed adults, 4 to 6 million lack the basic skills to be retrained for high tech jobs.
- The US ranks 49th among 158 member nations of the United Nations in its literacy levels.
- Each year the illiterate population increases by 2 1/4 million persons.
- 37,303 adult Clackamas County residents are undereducated.
- 60 million Americans, more than one-third of our entire adult population, read at a level that does not meet the survival needs of our society.
- 15 percent of recent graduates from urban high schools read at less than a sixth grade level.
- 85 percent of juveniles who come before the courts are functionally illiterate.
- Half the heads of households classified below the federal poverty line cannot read an eighth grade book.

Editor's Note

Last week we ran a letter to the Editor from Magdalena Ladd, foreign language department chair. It was about the fact that there is a good Foreign Language Department here on campus, and that the Japanese department would have been able to translate a Japanese joke letter received by the ASG. Somehow, the text was transposed and the letter did not make sense. We apologize to Ladd and the Foreign Language Department.

The regular "Print" will not be published next week or during finals. Our next issue will be the April Fool's issue.

Choirs prepare for Australian adventure

The Vocal Jazz ensemble and the Chamber Singers will be going to World Expo '88, Sydney, Australia in September. Both choirs are rehearsing their repertoire for the many performances they will give in both Australia and New Zealand.



photos by Heidi Klein

VOCAL JAZZ ENSEMBLE (Kneeling from L to R); Christopher Todd, April Bangle, Lonnie Cline-Director, Mike Nelson, Brian Casey. (Row 1 from L to R); Jessie Wamboldt, Brian Egan, Michelle Hagen, Chrissy Pagh, Susan Stewart, Julie Miles, Gretchen Fawver, Wenda Johnson. (Row 2 from L to R); Scott Mar-

chant, Gayle Rentle, Ken Dahl, Troy Dulay, Sandi Day, Tammy Shaver, Brian McElroy, Mark, Scott Ensley, Lisa Urback, Richard Lyons, Steve Luper, Gary Markham. (Not Pictured); Ronda Hornsby, Deanna Winter, Melissa Olmstead, Mari Anne Chavez, Michelle Cox, Rob Daiker, Nick Kellogg, Jim Beyl.



CHAMBER SINGERS (Kneeling from L to R); Jessie Wamboldt, Aubrey Harley, Alfred Harley. (Row 1 from L to R); Becky Chelson, Troy Dulay, Karol Reed, Laura Gardner, Susan Stewart, Deanna Winter, Julie Miles, Ann Haller, Suzanne

Cooper. (Row 2 from L to R); Gary Markham, Sandi Day, Keith Pemberton, Matt Ellis, Tammy Shaver, Scott Marchant, Shawn Jones. (Not Pictured); Gretchen Fawver, Mari Anne Chavez, Ronda Hornsby, Brian McElroy, Jim Beyl.

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