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Page 3: Two Spanish Club officers will be spending summer of 1988 in Spain.

Page 3: "Picnic" will open May 19 and will continue May 20, 21 and June 3 and 4.

Page 4: The Clackamas Community College men's track team claimed an undefeated season when they captured the state championships last Saturday.

Cougars Gone Country



Photo by Beth Coffey

Rob Quist, lead singer and acoustical guitar of "The Great Northern Band," performs with his group in yesterday's campus picnic. The event was organized by the Associated Student Government of the college.

Students to rally against semesters

by Christopher Curran
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Tomorrow morning, several members of Clackamas Community College will be joining members of many Oregon community colleges in a rally on the steps of the Oregon state capital in Salem.

The rally is in opposition to the semester conversion which the Oregon State Board of Higher Education is recommending. The Legislative Emergency Board of the state is calling a special meeting with the Board of Higher Education.

"We want to show some support in our favor," said Clackamas Associated Student Government President Neale Frothingham, "we want to take the offensive, and we want to put the Board of Higher Education on the defensive side."

The Clackamas ASG is attempting to recruit people to travel with them to Salem tomorrow. There will be a van for transportation and carpools are being arranged. "We can accommodate as many people as possible," said Frothingham.

"They will be signing people up all day Wednesday at the Student Activities window in the Community Center."

Frothingham anticipates there will be much press coverage at the event for the rally. "We have been extending invitations to the five Portland T.V. stations and the three T.V. stations in Eugene," Frothingham said, "we've also tried to contact all of the newspapers in the Willamette Valley."

"People coming and going will see how serious the community college students are about the semester conversion," said Frothingham.

Although Oregon's four year colleges will be skipping the rally, there is a proposal that there be two summit meetings a year between the four year schools and community colleges.

"CCOSAC (Community Colleges of Oregon Student Association and Commissions) opposes the semester conversion," stated Frothingham, "We want to raise this issue to the forefront of everybody's thinking."

ELC provides exclusive NW recycling dump

by Lisa Graham
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Since 1983 the Environmental Learning Center (ELC) has been working on fulfilling the goals of the recycling depot. Jerry Herrmann, director at ELC, defined these goals as "demonstrating how a community can host a comprehensive drop off with the most variety of recyclable materials."

The recycling depot takes 27 different materials including tin cans, motor oil, and plastics. Currently this is the only recycling depot in the Northwest to take plastics.

Plastics, according to Herrmann, are a major issue in recycling. The increase in plastics in the use of disposable, "one-way" containers, has boomed, said Herrmann. "In just this area of Portland...there's enough milk jugs, looking at one product, to fill a football field 20 feet deep." Five years ago, said Herrmann, the same football field would have only been filled five feet deep.

Paying the cost for the convenience of throw-away plastics is ultimately, said Herrmann, the consumer and the environment. "If the manufacturer can save on one end by producing a package that's lightweight, ships well, cheap to make and then can be thrown away, it ends up saving them money but it ends up costing the consumers not only for the container, but also the cost of disposal."

Plastics in the environment is a major litter problem both in Oregon and Washington, said Herrmann. As an example of the extent of the problem, Herrmann said that 28 tons of plastic was picked off the Oregon coast in one weekend. "If that's just what washes in typically after a tide...you can see that this stuff is in the environment everywhere. Now what it amounts to is that not only are plastics becoming a disposal problem because of the cost of landfills and that they take up room, but it's also probably the premier wildlife/environmental issue of the world at this time," he said.

To combat this Herrmann recommends that people make themselves aware of the type of packaging they are buying and to try and buy goods packaged in recyclable materials. "We as consumers can drive the mechanism that makes the choices about these products. We can tell our retailer that we prefer to have products that are packaged in recyclable materials and they will listen."

Eighty percent of plastics can be recycled, said Herrmann. The ELC depot takes three kinds of "Thermo-Plastics." These are plastics that soften under heat but harden when cooled. The recycling depot brochure divides this into Semi-Rigid types: clean milk jugs, margarine and other pliable tubs. Soft types: clean bread wrappers, margarine, coffee lids and softcaps. Rigid-Brittle: clean yogurt, cottage cheese tubs and brittle lids.

The depot does take volunteers, said Herrmann. Interested individuals should contact ELC at the headquarters in the John Inskeep Center or by calling extension 351.



photo by Lisa Graham

Mike Hunter mans the Environmental Learning Center's recycling area.