

Clackamas childcare center to lose lease Keyser needs input

by Lisa Graham
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Clackamas Childcare Centers, the on-campus daycare, will be losing their lease at the Orchard center as of June 1989. Wanda Wehling, head of the Center, said the daycare will be looking to move before the deadline and is currently looking at the McLoughlin corridor area.

The non-profit daycare has leased the former early-childhood learning classrooms for the past four or five years said Wehling. Partially funded by United Way, the daycare was able to provide on-campus childcare that was convenient for students and offered at sliding fee scales according to income. The daycare also provided the Displaced Homemakers with eight slots for student mothers.

When asked how moving to the McLoughlin corridor area would affect students from the southern Clackamas area, Wehling said "It pains us. We realize that it is not going to be

convenient for them but we have to be able to locate where we know we can fill the center."

"We have to be able to take care of ourselves before we can take care of anyone's kids. Awful to say, but you have to go where the demand is and the demand has been statistically proven to be in that area."

She added that Clackamas Childcare Centers will still be providing a referral system to match parents with convenient and adequate daycare in the Metro area.

Wehling voiced no complaints about the college's decision to end the Center's lease. "At this point we're really comfortable with the amount of compatibility that the college has extended to us and it wouldn't serve us at all to be angry or to show a lot of aggression at this point. It really serves us best to say we're open and that we hope that the college is sensitive to the needs of students. Let's see if we can't work something out."

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President Keyser's office is gathering input to assess the student need for child care. Your opinion is needed. Please return to the Student Activities Office window in the Community Center by June 3.

Child care arrangements are a concern for many students. To give us an idea of what child care students presently use and what are the needs, please complete the following.

Information about you:

Your age _____

Married _____

Single _____

How many children _____

Ages _____

What are your present child care arrangements (check one)

- Care in your own home
- Care in a friends or relatives home
- Family daycare home
- Pre-school/daycare center

How much do you pay for child care?

_____ per day
_____ per hour
_____ per month

My greatest concern about child care is: (check one)

- Where to find high quality care.
- How to afford to pay for it
- Finding conveniently located daycare.
- Knowing how to work with child care providers so my child care has the best experience.

"so I don't expect a substantial change. We've been changing in the right direction in the twenty years that I've been here - we're trying to accommodate to the needs of the students.

"We've been able to do a little more research and investigation into student success now and that together with the retirement of our director makes it opportune to do some considerable exploration into change.

"Now the recommendations recommend a certain specialist position in addition to the counseling position which will give us more coverage in terms of some of the specifics of advising. And I think that's pretty valuable.

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"Yes it's a good thing. Of course it is. Especially with the background of Les Adkins."

Initiative asks for voters' support

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An initiative to increase minimum wage in Oregon from \$3.35 to \$5.00 is asking registered voters for support by adding their signatures.

The petition was started by James Jacobs of Wilsonville. Started on March 14, petitioners have until July 8 to collect 63,578 valid signatures.

The petition addresses only the minimum wage in Oregon and will not affect those businesses regulated by the Federal Fair Labor Act. Current workers presently excluded by minimum wage, will not be affected by the passage of the initiative.

If passed the initiative would then be included on the November 8, 1988 ballot.

The petition is being conducted solely through individuals efforts, said Jacobs. He encouraged interested individuals to contact him at 638-0821.

Turpin to be new director?

Lee Turpin, counselor, has been recommended as Director of Counseling. If appointed by the Community College Board, Turpin will be replacing Art Hames. Hames' early retirement begins July 1.

Jim Roberts said that appointed faculty members are usually approved, but added that "We never count our chickens before the board counts."

Report asks for big changes

by Michael L. Walker
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The Report on Reorganization of the Counseling Department offered by Counseling Specialist Les Adkins asks for sweeping changes in the current department.

Adkins recommends that "the college should begin as soon as possible to plan for the development and implementation of a telephone registration system."

He goes on to say that two other positions be opened to free counselors to work with students. The new positions are Advising Specialist, and Information Specialist.

Advising Specialists will carry

out "educational advising, group presentations, liaison among students, faculty, administration and community, plus routine office work."

The Information Specialist will "respond to questions and inquiries...know where to find specific information, identify information needs of the students and staff, and assist in conducting research and follow-up studies."

Counselors will "assist students in career and educational planning and goal setting. They will provide consultation and coordination to other divisions and work on other special assignments."

Adkins says that, "a new

position should be created in Student Services as Director of Job Placement and Transition Services."

Adkins wants an evaluation system to be set up to evaluate individual counselors and a separate system to evaluate the entire counseling department.

He suggests that the Career Center be transferred to the Counseling Department. And that the college establish an information center and that that information then be computerized and be "available as printouts to interested individuals."

"It's going to be a process of transitional change," said Counselor Vince Fitzgerald,

background of Les Adkins and the research he did in preparing the report," Fitzgerald concluded.

Director of Counseling, Art Hames, explained that the report was like a menu saying that a person will not order everything off the menu, but some of it he will.

"There's going to be some limitations with money and budgets and staffs that you would implement as many of those things as you could, but maybe some of them the school does not want to implement."

It has not been determined yet as to how many people will fill the new positions as they become available.

The Counseling Department has until August to make a decision as to how many staff members will be required.

Check out next year's ASG crew



New officers elect (l-r) Danette Winner, assistant to the president; Beverly Hinkle, administrative assistant; and Leslie Barton, vice president, pose in front of the ASG Office, their new home.



ASG President Faith Taylor pauses for a smile after a successful year.

