

Dickson names CCC a leader in business

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Clackamas Community College is "In relationship to both our small business program and our business administrative program I think we're definitely a

and student individually talk about business needs and problems 2) Short term one time classes, seminars or workshops 3) The greenhouse program, which is for people starting a business, or who already own a business 4) The small business management program, which is

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leader," David Dickson, assistant to the president, said.

Clackamas College has, according to Dickson, a strong program for small business owners and people who will enter the work force. The labor force training skills for entry level jobs. "The need for people to continually be retraining and upgrading their skills in the work place is significant.

"Our Small Business Development Center is a real resource for people either going into business or who have a small business," Dickson explained. The Small Business Development Center curriculum consists of: 1) One to one counseling where the teacher

specialized for business owners. Dickson claims the programs taught at the Small Business Development Center and at the college are different; however, "The two nicely link together, they just serve a different audience."

The Small Business Development Center is specialized in "helping develop business skills, help them (small business owners) develop marketing strategies. We help them with their record keeping in a whole variety of ways."

Why is the Small Business Development Center so important for Clackamas County? "We are a small business county. Oregon in general is a small

business state. What we decided to do about 4/5 years ago at Clackamas was take some of our business expertise of the hill down into the day to day business world," Dickson said.

"The only reason why we're growing in terms of our number of jobs is small business. It's small business that's creating the vast majority of new jobs, nationally, state wide, and in Clackamas County."

Dickson stated that it is important to continually retrain and upgrade the labor force since jobs are changing rapidly. Newly created jobs should, according to Dickson, also be occupied by people from Clackamas County. "We would like as much as possible to in-

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sure that the good jobs that are coming to Clackamas County are filled by people from this community."

"I think Clackamas County is the place to be right now in terms of economical development.

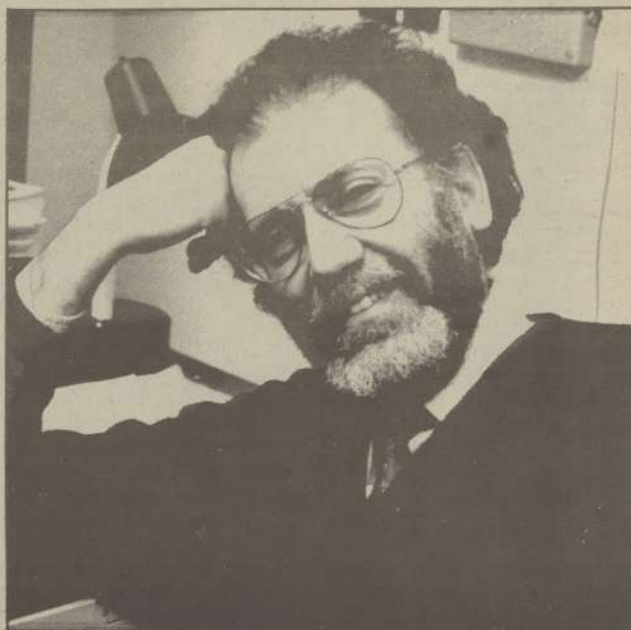


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Joe Uris, social science instructor, explains his goals as the new faculty vice president.

Joe Uris elected new vice president

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Joe Uris, social science instructor, has been elected the new faculty vice president. Uris was unopposed, however, "it still feels good to win," he said.

Uris explained his goals are to make the role of faculty stronger in the governing of the college, and to increase the appreciation of faculty ideas. "The importance of faculty is paramount," Uris said. Other goals are to gain more academic freedom with regard to the textbook policy, and to maintain a good full and part-time staff.

Improvement of the library is another project Uris would like to work on.

Uris pointed out that he is

looking forward to working with the administration. "I think the administration has showed itself to be more sympathetic and more concerned for having a good educational program," he said.

How does Uris feel about the semester conversion?

"I'm against it... if we are on a straight academic system, semester systems make sense," he said. However, since Clackamas serves many part-time students, a semester system would not be profitable for the college.

Uris will be the only social science instructor on the Faculty Senate. He claims having a social science instructor on the senate is a positive factor, because of the input and different ideas one might have.

New phones to appear in August

by Michael L. Walker
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A new phone system for CCC is scheduled for August of this year. According to Buyer Louise Slawson the new system will cost "in the area of \$200,000 with no capital expenditure out of it."

Slawson expects that CCC will be able to pay off the bill in

five years and get a ten year life expectancy out of the phones. She continued that the new system will, over a five year period, cost less than on the lease system CCC currently has.

Presently CCC rents its phone system from AT&T. This is a problem because it is an ongoing payment, and CCC will never own the system.

Slawson said that nothing has

been finalized at this point in time. The planning has been going on for months, but they are still not sure as to who will implement the new communications devices.

"We're still evaluating decisions at this point," concluded Slawson.

The new communications devices plan of implementation will go to the board on June 8.

CCC students rally at capital

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A rally was held on the steps of the state capitol last Thursday by students of Oregon's Community Colleges to protest the semester conversion.

The rally was held after a hearing with the State Emergency Board and the Oregon State Board of Higher Education. In the hearing the Emergency board became distraught with the Board of Higher Education because the board did not have a report on the semester conversion ready for the hearing that they were

supposed to have done. The Emergency board granted an extension to the Board of Higher Education.

At the rally about 15 people were present, eight of those people were from CCC.

"It went very well, we had excellent news coverage," Leslie Winston a senator in the CCC ASG said. The rally was covered by both KGW and KPTV news that evening, and many of the news papers in Oregon covered the event.

We got the message out to the Emergency Board and let them know how we feel, Neale Frothingham, ASG president commented.

Meiser returns to CCC



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Instructor Jim Meiser helps student Angel Dale with her math homework. Meiser recently returned from a two week exchange to Loxley College in England.

