

## Roberts shares accomplishments

by Angela Wilson  
Staff Writer

Oregon Secretary of State Barbara Roberts addressed the issue of women in government at the issues breakfast organized by the Focus on Women group last Wednesday.

Roberts shared her story of going from wife and mother to one of the most influential women in state government.

In 1955 Roberts graduated from high school and was married at the age of 18. By the time she was 21 she had two children.

As an unpaid citizen lobbyist, Roberts lobbied for education for handicapped children. As a result of her work as a lobbyist Oregon was the first state in the nation to require education for handicapped children.

"I had literally made a difference for thousands of handicapped children," Roberts said.

Since that time Roberts has been a school board member, a Mount Hood Community College board member, Multnomah County Commissioner, and State Representative. In 1984 Roberts was elected to the office of Oregon Secretary of State, and was re-elected to that office in 1988.

"This is truly an exciting time to be a woman. We are on the cutting edge of change. We have fought for equal rights, equal pay, piece of mind, and a piece of the action," said Roberts.

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important role model. Being the first of two daughters, Roberts commends her father for being supportive, and believing in successful women.

John F. Kennedy was another role model for Roberts. His strong leadership and ability to "motivate people to do things for their country was wonderful."

Roberts' husband's support and experience in the legislature gave her "a chance to do exactly what I am doing today."

Roberts has worked hard to

be a "different kind of politician." Although the times she has spent in government have been "the most exciting time of her life," there are also some low points to her job.

"Everything that happens in your life is public. You not only lose your privacy, but you have to campaign," Roberts said.

"You cannot shy away from every risk and everything that is controversial," Roberts said.

When Geraldine Ferraro was running mate with Walter Mondale in the 1984 presidential elec-

tion a big first step was made for women in politics. Roberts feels that Ferraro took an "important first step for the full citizenship for the women of this country."

Roberts encouraged the group to recognize their leadership strength, and to have the "self-confidence that you personally can make a difference."

"Your option and opportunity is to fill that leadership void when you see it," Roberts added.

"Women are no longer sitting along the sidelines waiting to be asked to dance," Roberts said.

## Support groups offer alternatives

by Carce Hussey  
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If you have a problem with alcohol or drugs, you may find the help you need right here on campus.

There are support groups, a counselor and an awareness club here at Clackamas.

The support groups were started by students and are mostly attended by students. "Anyone can go," stated Debbie Baker, Student Activities Director.

**"The support groups are very vital for a lot of people, it's the reason a lot of them survive."**

The support groups that are meeting here on campus are: open AA meetings for students Mondays and Fridays 11 a.m. to noon in B-113; AA, Al-Anon, Al-Ateen Fridays 8-10 p.m. P-102, 104, 105; Cocaine Anonymous Wednesdays noon to 1 p.m. CC-116; Narcotics Anonymous Mondays 7-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays 7:30-9:30 p.m. Orchard Center 121 Thursdays 7-9:30 p.m. C-153;

Anonymity is preserved in all

these meetings. Baker said that it is encouraging to see that "students are turning to support groups."

If you aren't sure whether you have a drug or alcohol problem or not, or you have friends or relatives who have a problem you can contact Mary Fitzgerald, Substance Abuse Treatment Specialist. Fitzgerald is a counselor from the Clackamas County Mental Health Clinic.

She is on campus Tuesdays from 9-11 a.m. in CC-115a (Norm Berney's office). You can walk in without an appointment or call for one through Student Activities ext.250.

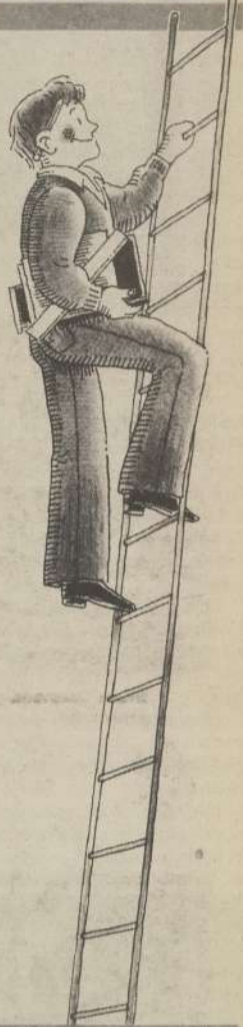
Students who go to see Fitzgerald, "can expect answers to questions or an assessment if they need it." Fitzgerald also stated that she can, "offer suggestions for dealing with friends who have problems." Like the support groups, talking to Fitzgerald is "extremely confidential." All of her records are kept off campus.

Fitzgerald said that she tries to get people to "figure out for themselves if they have a problem." She also feels that "the support groups are very vital for a lot of people, it's the reason a lot of them survive." She can also be reached at the Mental Health Clinic 655-8401.

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Another group concerned with alcohol and drug problems is the

Alcohol and Drug Awareness Club. Their main focus is to educate the public on these issues. You do not necessarily have to have a problem to join the group. They can also "get people who are in trouble to support groups," according to Baker.



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