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Work on observatory completed



Environmental Learning Center Director Jerry Herrmann looks over the telescope in the newly completed observatory.

by Briane Dotson
News Editor

Construction on the Haggard Memorial Observatory has been completed at the Environmental Learning Center, according to ELC Director, Jerry Herrmann.

The observatory dome was donated by Darcy Haggard of Redland, in memory of her husband Harold Haggard who was an astronomy enthusiast. Haggard had constructed his own observatory at his home during the 1950's. At that time it was the largest observatory in the Northwest.

Mrs. Haggard was planning to selling the house and thought the house would be worth more without the dome, so she decided to tear it down. Jerry Herrmann heard about the dome and asked if the ELC could have it; Haggard agreed. The dome was taken down and brought to the campus and reconstructed.

Ninety percent of all the material used in building the observatory is recycled material. The floor and the steps going up to the observatory were salvaged from the bleachers in Randall Gymnasium. The structural supports were made from reclaimed telephone and power poles. Parts of the old Smucker's Building were also used. The dome was made over forty-two years ago out of aluminum from airplane wings.

"The reason for using recycled material is to prove that materials can be reused," said Herrmann.

The largest telescope is a twenty-four inch reflector tele-

scope. Four other telescopes surround the bigger one.

The observatory will not only be used for astronomical purposes, it will also be used to observe wildlife. Twenty people at a time can use the observatory.

"Animals don't fear you when you are in the air because they don't think of you as a human," said Herrmann.

Bill Holbert, a local meteorologist, donated a weather system complete with a rain gage, wind gage, and temperature gage to the observatory. With this system, the ELC will report the weather conditions to the weather bureau.

The steps up to the observatory are being called the "Stairway to the Stars" and sold at \$250 each. Thirty-six of the forty steps have been sold. Companies or individuals can buy these steps and will have their name placed on the back of the step. The "Stairway to the Stars" has already raised over \$10,000.

A video imaging system has been linked to a television in the Lakeside Hall to allow people to view the stars while still on the ground.

The goal of this observatory is to draw over 40,000 people a year. Oregon City has given the ELC a trust grant of \$1,600, which will go to make brochures to help promote the Haggard Observatory.

The observatory is open for public viewing Wednesday, Friday and Saturday an hour after sunset.

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President's wife to give presentation

Deputy Secretary of State for Oregon Marilynne Keyser, wife of Clackamas Community College President John Keyser, will be one of two featured speakers at a Clackamas County Chamber of Commerce Business Showcase.

Keyser and Marshall A. Stevens, the founder of Oil Can Henry's, will give presentations at the showcase, scheduled for March 8 at New Hope Community Church. There will also be a buffet lunch.

The showcase itself will begin at 10 a.m. and last through 4 p.m. Cost for the seminar presentations and the buffet lunch is \$25 per individual.

Instructor at PSU displays art

Portland State University Art Instructor Ray Grimm will display his work in the Pauling Gallery from March 8 to April 7.

On March 8 from 7-9 p.m. in the gallery, an artist's talk and opening reception will take place.

The hours for the Pauling Gallery are 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. from Monday through Friday and by appointment on weekends.

Ensemble to perform

The Clackamas Community College Wind Ensemble will perform a free concert in the Community Center Mall at 2:30 p.m.

The concert, set for March 5, is put on by the Clackamas Music Department.

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Use of alcohol at CCC investigated

by Angela Wilson
Staff Writer

The issue of alcohol use by groups that perform on campus is currently being studied by the Clackamas board.

There are currently no guidelines for this issue, but a list of guidelines is being formed. Alcohol use on campus is not allowed.

"Currently alcohol is not allowed on campus. If any exceptions are made for performing groups they must be approved by

the board first," said David Dickson, assistant to the president.

The college is receiving information from other colleges on their guidelines concerning this matter, and the situation is being studied.

At Centralia Community College alcohol is allowed at special functions under the Foundation's control. Beer and wine are

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Ryan to retire after 22 years at Clackamas

by Briane C. Dotson
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Administrative Dean of College Services and Planning Bill Ryan will be retiring from Clackamas Community College June 30.

Ryan came to Clackamas after selling the Thriftway store he owned in Multnomah, Oregon. Originally Ryan applied for a position at Mt. Hood Community College, but was turned down.

The business manager, Larry Oslund, told Ryan of a new community college that was being built in Oregon City and to try and apply there.

Ryan contacted then-Clackamas Community College President Roy Mikelson. Mikelson told Ryan that if the bond levy passed to call him Monday morning before 9 a.m. The bond levy passed so Ryan called and was hired.

"I called up Oslund after I got the job here and told him to go to hell," said Ryan. "Over the years though Larry (Oslund) has become a good friend. I'm indebted to him; he has given me a lot of help."

Ryan recalls that when he

started during the 1966-67 school year at the college, the offices were on McLoughlin Avenue in Oak Grove, and classes were held at Gladstone High School at night. The only people that had been hired when Ryan started was the president and the president's secretary.

Ryan says that his most memorable moment was selling the bond issue in March of 1968 which allowed the college to start building the current campus.

"I'll miss the people, the friends I've made, and the campus. I have seen it from when it was nothing to what it is today," said Ryan about leaving.

After his retirement Ryan plans to take his grandchildren to Disneyland, the San Diego Zoo, the grand canyon, and Salt Lake City, UT. Ryan also plans to put a new roof on his house.

Ryan feels good about the acceptance of the college by the community and the financial success that the college has been.

"I have a lot of good memories," said Ryan about his work at Clackamas Community College.



Photo by Julie Church

Assistant Dean Bill Ryan (left, with Grounds Service Supervisor Carol Patterson), an original staff member at Clackamas, will be calling it quits at the end of the school year.

