

SG president discusses future

We have \$60,000 given to us and we need to know what to do with it," said Michael Ayers, Student Body President. He was speaking at a meeting of the Associated Student Government.

ASG held a meeting Thursday, September 2, at the Fireside Lounge to discuss the upcoming student government election and need for new senators.

Speakers at the meeting stressed that new senators from the student body are needed. Those wishing to apply may pick up a form at the Student Government office in the Community Center building. Forms must be turned in by October 11.

Senators will help decide what to do with funds allotted the student government.

Funds can be used for anything: movies, speakers, dances, improvement of the campus.

Ayers also hopes to get a senator from night school.



A pile of waste materials "does its thing" as the Sir Isaac Indore composting method goes into action near the Ecology Learning Center on campus.

Changes announced for vets

Veterans who would like to continue receiving benefits regularly should read the following:

The Office of Veterans Affairs (OVA) will be notified of any changes in the amount of credit hours, mailing address, or number of dependents. The OVA is located in the Community Center, room 115.

To avoid being charged with an overpayment, classes must be appropriate for the program being followed.

Veterans Representatives are available at the OVA to answer any questions concerning financial, dental and hospital benefits.

Veterans whose benefits have, or are about to run out may be entitled to State Veterans Educational aid to help pay the cost of tuition. This will pay \$50 per month for each month of full-time undergraduate study. Veterans will be entitled to one month's aid for each month of military service up to 36 months.

To qualify, veterans must have been Oregon residents for one year immediately prior to entering the service. They must be veterans of the Korean conflict or a year of service after July 1, 1958, who received an Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal or the Vietnam Service Medal.

For more information about state veterans' benefits see Ed Miles, County Veterans' Services Officer, at the Clackamas County Court House in Oregon City or call 655-0100.

New technique used in campus composting

The Clackamas Community College Ecology Learning Center and Arboretum has a new composting technique that not only saves money, but disposes of such wastes as grass clippings, leaves, weeds, tree prunings and recycled paper.

This composting process, called the Sir Isaac Indore method, was developed in England in the 18th century and was used to dispose of animal waste.

The process disposes of animal waste from Horsemanship West, located at the west end of the campus, and also such waste as grass clippings, tree prunings and weeds from the campus.

The composting process takes 15 days to complete and involves transporting piles of animal waste, weeds, grass and sawdust, mixing these materials together in equal parts by volume, and then turning these piles every three days.

This is primarily a warm weather process because temperatures of 180 to 190 degrees are needed in order to keep the bacteria active enough to break down the waste materials. It has proved to be an asset here because during the warm weather these excess materials would have to be disposed of by other methods.

There are many advantages to this process. A mulch is produced which is weed and disease free because of the intense heat generated during the process. The product is chemical free and does not need to have fertilizer added to it as does some compost.

The gathered substances is high in humus and slow in feeding nutrients to the plants. This process also recreates the forest type soil which most plants are accustomed to, and the complete process takes only four man-hours using modern equipment. It yields 20 cubic yards of compost every 15 days, and saves CCC a lot of money because of commercial compost produced.

Jerry Herrmann, who is the Ecology Pond/Arboretum project director, uses this process at his home and has shortened the process to ten days. Herrmann said, "This composting technique is 100 percent superior to barkdust because it keeps weeds down and is of no beneficial value to the plants."

An information sheet which explains the process, and gives the formulas for the various materials, may be obtained by contacting Herrmann.

Herrmann's office is located in the pole barn adjacent to the pond site. The composting process can be observed there. Visitors are welcome and if further information is desired Herrmann teaches a class every Wednesday night from 7 to 10 p.m. The class, "Landscape Design for Men and Wildlife", details this process and other methods for recycling natural wastes for gardens.

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