

CCC attracts international students

Because of the atmosphere and learning opportunities, the Northwest and Clackamas Community College are favorite destinations of many foreign students, said Vince Fitzgerald, international students counselor at CCC and former regional conference chairman of the National Association of Foreign Student Affairs (NAFSA).

There are 18 international students currently enrolled at CCC: one each from Australia, Canada, Chile, Hong Kong, Liberia, Libya and Micronesia; two Japanese students; three from Qatar; and six from Saudi Arabia.

There are also several Cambodian and Vietnamese students but they are not considered part of the international (a term Fitzgerald prefers to foreign) student program. These students hold "green cards" which give them immigrant status, rather than F-1, or student, visas.

CCC has no foreign exchange program. With the exception of a Rotary Club exchange student from Australia, all of these students are attending school in America through their own arrangements.

According to Fitzgerald, most of these students are affiliated in some way with their country's government and are supported by their parents or American sponsors. Only the Arab students have full scholarships.

NAFSA, to which all colleges with foreign students belong, provides the most help for these students. It evaluates transcripts, helps solicit community support and works hand-in-glove with immigration to facilitate their stay in the United States.

Fitzgerald tries to limit the international enrollment at CCC to less than 10 from any one country. This is to prevent them from grouping together instead of mingling with other students. The small size of CCC also provides for better community interaction, he said.

This limited enrollment also allows Fitzgerald to give each student individual attention. Many students have trouble adjusting to new lifestyles and customs. Financial problems are not uncommon. Reverses at home can leave a student stranded in a foreign country with no resources or family and few friends.

CCC receives tree

The Ecology Learning Center on campus has been donated a Western White Pine Tree by Charlie Gates, a Clackamas Community College Employee.

Formerly located on Gates' property, the 1,000 pound tree was replanted by work study and manpower students. The task was supervised by project director Jerry Herrmann.

"We welcome contributions of plant materials such as this," said Herrmann, "Much of the flora and fauna found here is the combined result of volunteer labor and community donations."

In appreciation to Gates, The White Pine has been planted on the crown of a hill overlooking the south end of the pond.

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Vince Fitzgerald
...advises foreign students

College faces affirmative action plan

Development of an affirmative action plan safeguarding against discrimination is facing Clackamas Community College this year.

An Affirmative Action Forum was held on the CCC campus Oct. 27 and featured a panel discussion on the definition and implementation of affirmative action at CCC.

The panel consisted of Mary O'Connell, CCC counselor; Judy Thomas, project coordinator of developmental studies; Len M. Painter, personnel officer; and Len M. Dean of Students.

Pat Hagen, technical assistance coordinator from the State Department of Labor, was the guest speaker.

The main purpose of the forum was to inform students, faculty and staff, with minorities and handicapped of their rights as mandated by state and federal law.

"Affirmative action is technically defined as a plan which looks to get rid of employment barriers discriminatory in nature at all levels of the organization," Hagen said.

The panel discussed types of discrimination facing students, faculty and staff, and steps to be taken against it.

Complaints against CCC such as mismanagement were also discussed along with the student grievance system and the hiring process.

Steps to be taken to file a claim if there is able evidence of discrimination in the hiring process were also mentioned.

Hagen said complaints can be taken to the Civil Rights Division of the Bureau of Labor in the State Office Building, 478, 1400 S.W. Fifth, Portland, Ore.

Jim Painter also has a pamphlet for persons wanting information on discrimination, sex, race, and age discrimination.

String performance

Music and art lovers are invited to a Sunday afternoon event at Holladay Park Church of God, 2120 N.E. Tillamook Street, Nov. 7.

At 3:00 p.m. Eugene Kaza will direct the Oregon String Sinfonietta playing "String Symphony in Four Cycles for Young People" by Tibor Serly, a Pacific Northwest composer, "Concerto Grosso," Giuseppe Sammartini; "Music for Strings," Quincy Porter; "Air and Dance," Frederick Delius, and "Asa's Death" from "Peer Gynt Suite," Edvard Grieg.

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