

# OEA membership encouraged

Faculty members of Clackamas Community College are being encouraged to join the Oregon Education Association (OEA) by Nov. 15, said Marc Essig, membership chairman and grievance officer for the CCC faculty.

Essig is thoroughly convinced that OEA is beneficial to instructors and is trying to convince the rest of the faculty that the benefits outweigh the monetary outlay.

Currently 56 members of the CCC faculty have joined OEA and Essig hopes to have six or eight more join this year. His long range goal is to reach 95-100 percent of

the faculty within the next two years.

OEA is the state affiliate of the National Education Association (NEA) which is the third largest labor organization in the country and the largest in Oregon.

"Certain instructors don't consider themselves labor and don't feel that they need to belong to a labor association," said Vince Fitzgerald, Education Association President.

"They don't realize that this organization is a professional one, like the American Medical Association or the American Bar Association," said Essig.

"Teachers, although professionals, should have the right of representation to employers," said Essig. "This organization also keeps instructors aware of trends in teaching, both nationally and statewide."

All faculty members, whether or not they have joined OEA, reap some of the benefits from CCC's affiliation. OEA provided a professional consultant to represent all of the faculty during the recent salary negotiations which resulted in salary increases and additional fringe benefits.

## Financial need survey planned

A survey will soon be conducted at Clackamas Community College to help determine the financial needs of the average CCC student.

The financial aids office at CCC administers over \$1 million each year through grants and various financial aid programs to one half of the students currently registered at CCC.

Students are given loans on the basis of need. A student's budget minus his total usable income equals the amount of the loan applied for. This budget is categorized and remains the same for every student in a particular category.

The present budget was determined several years ago and is revised each year by a percentage or "numbers off the top of our heads," said Dick Thompson, financial aid officer at CCC.

If the current budget figures are incorrect then students either have to lie about their income or they don't receive an adequate loan for their living expenses.

Each student participant will be assigned to a surveyor and all information is totally confidential.

Over 100 hours of work has already gone into making the questionnaires and diaries.

A table will be set up in the mall area today Nov. 12 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. with a surveyor present to answer any questions and sign people up.

## College gets Vega

A brand new Chevrolet Vega was recently donated to the Clackamas Community College Automotive Department by David Peferly, area service manager for Chevrolet, and Tony Marletto, vice president of Friendly Chevrolet in Lake Oswego.

The new Vega is one of the engineering and pilot line cars which are not available for sale and are donated for instructional programs.

The vehicle is for instructional use only and cannot be driven.



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