

Campus police strike again

Student 'runs' stop sign

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A blue light circled in the rear-view mirror.

While heading down Highway 213 (Molalla Ave.) at 10:30 p.m. on Nov. 22 after covering a board meeting for the paper, I was stopped and cited for disobeying a stop sign on campus by the Clackamas Community College police.

I wanted to ask, "Are you sure you have the right car, officer?" But I didn't. I just took the ticket, grumbling all the while about always stopping at stop signs. I was so stunned that shortly afterwards, my Volkswagon screeched to a halt just short of a red light. To my knowledge I had not

run a stop sign, nor did I even know which stop sign the officer was talking about.

On Friday afternoon, Dec. 3, I returned to the scene where I had supposedly committed the unlawful act. It was the stop sign at the corner of Douglas Place. It's the first stop sign one comes to if leaving the CCC Community Center parking lot -- heading towards Molalla Ave.

While I was there I remembered a suggestion someone had made to me about taking a survey to see if other drivers failed to stop at the sign. But actually it was only out of curiosity that I drove around the bend and watched for a few minutes.

And low and behold a maroon station wagon circled the drive from the CC lot. . . slowed down. . . there were no cars coming from either direction. . . and proceeded right through that stop sign. I was amazed.

Moments later three more cars came in a row. They all stopped. But just as I was ready to leave, a white car came around the bend. I watched as it slowed, looking as though it was going to stop. It didn't. Instead it slowly proceeded around the corner to the right -- towards me.

"Hi," he said as he stopped and rolled down the window. I was surprised to see it was someone I knew.

I said to him, almost as if I couldn't believe it myself, "Do you realize that you didn't stop at the stop sign?"

"I did too," he replied.

"No, I mean really! You slowed way down but you didn't stop," I told him.

I didn't mean to offend him, but oh, was I saying all the wrong things. There was a flash of color under the chin and along the temples. He was angry. I felt bad for my lack of tact. But I knew just exactly how he felt.

I was back that evening after 5:30 p.m. I parked in the small drive by the CCC campus director there shivering in the darkness with lights off.

During an hour's time, 15 vehicles ped at the intersection. Even if they touched the brakes and jerked a bit, I called it a stop.

Five cars did not stop.

I observed during that hour that the car that ran the stop sign treated the sign as though it said "yield." With those who stopped, it seemed as though drivers rapidly would pull up to the sign and a "complete stop." Slow drivers made jerking attempts.

Occupational/ vocational offered class

Occupational/vocational students in the later stages of their community college studies are being offered a course in basic teacher education.


The Teacher Assistant Training Project is in its second year at Clackamas Community College and provides training in basic teaching methodology and information on career education as it pertains to the State of Oregon.

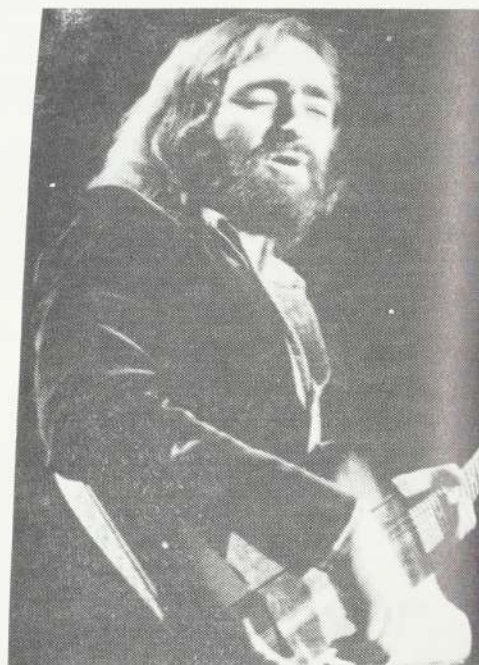
Students are placed as teaching assistants in an area high school vocational education course under a supervising teacher. They receive practical on-the-job training and can then make a decision as to whether or not they wish to pursue teaching as a career.

The project can accept 30 students who must be advanced in their technical area. They will be asked to provide a recommendation from the appropriate instructor in their field of study.

The student will obtain nine hours of credit: three for the methodology class and six for the field experience. Field experience will consist of 15 hours per week in a classroom in an area high school. Students will receive \$50 for travel expenses during the time they are out in the field.

For answers to any questions or for further information call John Bohan, Project Coordinator, 656-2631, ext. 348, or stop at the office, Orchard Center 125.

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