

CCC students aid Gladstone group

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The Gladstone Social Interaction Group provides mentally or physically handicapped persons with a place to play basketball or volleyball, work on arts and crafts or just sit around and talk -- and many Clackamas Community College students are helping to organize the interaction.

The group is partially sponsored through the Gladstone Community School, according to Elaine Furumoto, a volunteer worker.

Some of the people involved are shut-ins or live in nursing homes and if it were not for this group there would be little or no opportunity for them to get together to have fun and socialize. Besides their regularly scheduled meetings, the group has dances and goes on field trips.

"We are planning a camping trip or a beach trip and are hoping to go see the Trailblazers," said Furumoto. The Social Interaction Group has been meeting every

Wednesday for the past two years and has relied entirely on volunteer help.

Charlie McDonald is in charge of the group and Furumoto, Jeff Tillett, Louise Bowser, Gary Devork, Earl Diment, Doug Williams and Gary Moore all volunteer their services. Diment, Williams and Moore are CCC students.

They are planning a garage sale and a car wash to help with expenses, but the biggest problem is transportation. The group needs drivers to take people to and from the meetings and to provide transportation for field trips. They have the use of two vans from Community Action and the Gladstone Community School, said Furumoto.

The Social Interaction Group is made up of adults from 18 to 70. They all participate in the activities and enjoy each other's company.

The group meets from 7 to 9 p.m. each Wednesday at Gladstone High School, 1505 Portland Ave., Gladstone. If anyone would like more information or to volunteer their services, call 655-2544 and ask for Kit Youngren.

Students offered practical teaching experience

Interested in arts, physical education, working with children? West Linn's community education program may have a place for you.

Beginning March 28, the community education staff hopes to hold after-school mini-classes at Stafford Elementary School, grades 1-4. The eight classes scheduled include drama, children's cookery, in-season sports, indoor games, tumbling and arts and crafts.

"We felt it was a real need but we just didn't have the manpower," said Mary Ann Baty, director of the program.

Clackamas Community College students are being offered a chance to work in the program as teachers. A few paid positions are available, \$2.50 an hour for 3-9 hours a week. It may also be possible to receive

course credit, by making arrangements with a department on campus.

"This will be an excellent practical experience if you enjoy working with kids," Baty said. "It looks good on a job resume and it can be very rewarding."

Baty said the idea began with the Stafford principal's concern about children of working parents going home unsupervised. She described it as "a totally new concept" at West Linn, and said she was hoping for a lot of support from the college.

"For the kids, it's a positive thing. We hope to have them develop more positive attitudes toward the school. They get a chance to experience making their own choices and trying a new activity."

CCC students can learn more by con-

tacting Marv Thornley or Kate Adams at the placement office. The classes will be held throughout Spring term, Monday through Thursday, from 2:30-5:30 p.m.

Resignation official, Bennet ASG leader

Michael Ayers officially announced his resignation as president of the Associated Student Government during last Thursday's ASG meeting.

At the same meeting ASG allotted \$100 to the committee in charge of the Muscular Dystrophy dance marathon being held at Clackamas Community College this Saturday.

Charlie Bennet has assumed the role of ASG president and will remain in that position until new officers are elected this spring.

The request for financial support for the dance marathon was made by student senator John Umbras, a member of the marathon committee. The original request was for \$150 and a motion was made to allocate those funds to the committee.

EO orientation

All five of the University of Oregon's Early Orientation and Registration Programs (EORP) will be open to freshman transfer students this year.

The EORP program provides academic counseling, orientation to the campus and early registration for fall term classes.

The sessions, open to freshman transfer students who will have accumulated less than 45 quarter-hours through the end of spring term, will be held at the University on July 18, 22, 23, 29 and 30.

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