

ASG chooses new v.p.

Last week's Associated Student Government meeting, a new president resided and a new vice-president was chosen to fill his vacancy. A new club and some coming events were also approved.

Charlie Bennet, filling a position left by the resignation of former president Daniel Ayers, resided over his first meeting as he assumed his position as head of ASG. A new senator was then chosen to give his old title.

From a list of five nominees, Marcia Zano was designated vice-president in a determined by secret ballot. At that meeting senator Tom Blethen increased number of recent ASG dropouts by announcing his resignation. His position and

one other remain open to any interested students.

Due to the increasing interest in fencing, ASG approved a fencing club for the CCC campus. Members of that organization are encouraged to have taken at least one term of fencing in order that they may be considered knowledgeable in the rules and etiquette of that sport.

The week of April 18-25 has been set aside for Earth week, which is a national celebration emphasizing man's relationship to his planet. The ASG sponsored event will focus on energy, composting, recycling, and other related activities.

ASG also approved June 3 as the day for the CCC school picnic.

Machine aids students

Everyone finds themselves in a class at one time or another trying to take lecture notes faster than they can write. For people who have a lot of note taking to do, or for those who are planning a career in the secretarial or court recording fields, there are machines available at Clackamas Community College.

"Machine shorthand is a basic course in the new improved method of court reporting," said Gertrude Ditto, a secretarial sciences instructor at CCC.

The old method of court reporting takes four hours of manual transcription for every hour of a court hearing. The new method requires only a few minutes to run the material through a computer that does the transcribing. Although the computers work rapidly and efficiently, they are fairly expensive and it will be a few years before they are widely used.

There are six terms of vocational stenography courses available for those wanting to be professional secretaries. These classes include shorthand and typing proficiency, English and vocabulary knowledge and personal qualities such as responsibility, personality and performance.

Briefhand is a one term course also offered at CCC. Briefhand is a type of shorthand using abbreviated forms of writing words instead of symbols as in Gregg shorthand. It is useful for those who want to take notes more efficiently and for personal writing and small office work.

The Individual Progress Methods System which is a teaching method now being used in the secretarial sciences department is well liked by Ditto.

"It's so much more fun to teach and I get to know the students individually," she said, "and with tapes from other schools the students get more variety and can take tests whenever they're ready."

Architectural costs set

The cost of improving architectural barriers on Clackamas Community Campus for the handicapped will total \$140,000.

These changes, ranging from present to future plans include restroom alterations such as lowering paper towel dispensers, sinks and mirrors and changing doors to the sliding type. Eighteen automatic doors will be installed in the main campus buildings at a cost of approximately \$45,000.

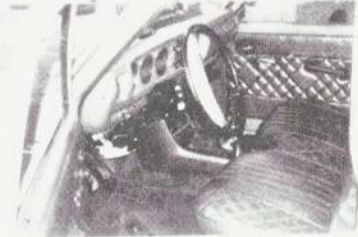
Several newly designated parking areas are being sectioned off for handicapped students. Campus handouts showing locations of handicapped parking spaces, curbs and ramps, special entrances for handicapped persons, and elevators will be published. New three-inch braille-type door signs will be put up in the Community Center, McLoughlin, Randall and Clairmont buildings.

Fire alarms are also going to be lowered, and more lockers will be installed. Ramps for the trailers will either be installed or altered and some of the curbs will be cut to facilitate the mobility of those persons in wheelchairs.

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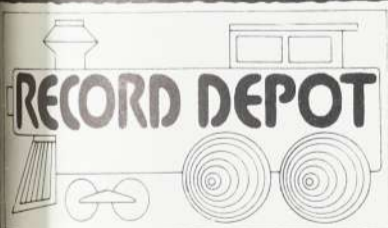
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