

## Welfare group supported

# College buys house for women

Clackamas Community College has recently purchased a house adjoining the north end of the campus and use of it has been granted to a support group for women on welfare.

The group is organizing what it calls "Project Independence." The chairperson, Joan Carver of the Children's Services Division, Clackamas County Welfare Department, said it will be modeled on a program for low income women in Roseburg called the Confidence Clinic.

"It's going to be run, developed and created by the people whom it will serve. The only way the college is involved is in terms of support and service," said Mary Oldford, CCC counselor and an advisor to the project. Several members of the staff, as well as some students here, will be participating in the planning and organization.

The goal, according to Bernie Nolan, another staff member involved, is to elimi-

nate some of the bitterness and resentment women on welfare often feel.

"It's a whole lot more meaningful to have a group of people get together who are affected by these agencies than to have groups of agencies get together and say, 'what are we going to do to help these poor souls,'" said Nolan.

Both Nolan and Carver say the effort is in its very early stage. "It could very easily be stillborn," Nolan said. The group is now trying to define goals and gather resources. Applications for federal grants have to be made and state and local agencies contacted for support and advice.

The CCC Board of Education approved purchase of "Robbin's house" as it is known, earlier this month. The house and nursery stock, located on a 2.43 acre lot, sold for \$58,000. A secretary in the purchasing office said the sale had "been in process since October."

The college has since installed a telephone and finished some cleaning and maintenance on the house. No one from Project Independence will live there, but it will be used as a base of operations for meetings, classes and activities.

Bill Hargadine, Community Services Coordinator, has been designated as the liaison for the group, should they have need of any further college action or decision. He said a budget proposal for 1977-78 of \$4200 has been made for Robbin's House, earmarked for upkeep and improvement of parking access.

Bernie Nolan said interest at the college in a program like this began with Dr. Hakanson. He became acquainted with the Confidence Clinic last October, and sent Judy Thomas (project coordinator Disadvantaged and Handicapped) and Marv Weiss (Dean of Community Services and Community Education) to explore it.

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Carl Dunlap uses his hands as his eyes when working in the CCC machine shop. Dunlap, a resident of McMinnville, is a blind student who will graduate at the end of winter term with a certificate in machine operation by computer.

## Graduation in sight for blind student

Carl Dunlap is a blind student now attending Clackamas Community College and enrolled in machine shop.

He will be graduating at the end of this term, and receiving a certificate.

Dunlap, 21, has been blind from infancy, which was caused from a lack of oxygen when he was in an incubator. Dunlap is the only fully blind student in machine shop and has successfully learned to operate a sizeable list of machines such as the drill press, radial drill press and engine lathe. He is taking 17 credit hours including the NC program. The NC program is learning to operate machines by computer.

Dunlap uses a tape recorder to take notes. When it is time for him to take a test it is read to him and he replies orally. He has maintained a B average throughout the course.

Dunlap is under the Blind Student Program which is set up to be a part of the curriculum worked out by the State Blind Commission.

Dunlap's hobbies are outdoor activities such as hiking and camping, and fishing. He also enjoys listening to his CB radio and goes by the handle, Popsicle.

"I have sent my resume out to several different places and I am planning on getting married in two months," said Dunlap.

He hopes to work in or around his home in McMinnville but would consider moving if he found a good job elsewhere.

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