

Community garden space plotted

If an individual wants to plant a garden but only has a crack in his sidewalk in which to grow vegetables, Clackamas Community College has the answer to his problem.

Spring is approaching and CCC's Green Finger garden project is once again preparing itself for community gardeners. Registration for the project, now in its sixth year, is Tuesday, March 1.

Located near the Smuckers Complex by the Environmental Pond, Green Fingers consists of 180 garden plots measuring 700 square feet each. Eligibility for garden use is limited to the college community and those residing within the CCC school district.

A fee of \$2 is required and a willingness to work is encouraged. Gardeners are expected to plant their own garden and weed it when necessary. The school will provide employees to do the watering and fertilizing.

Three days a week, an assistant from Green Thumb, which is federally funded through the Oregon and Washington Farmers Union, will be at the site to help with irrigating and any problems gardeners may have.

A questionnaire, distributed to last year's gardeners, indicated that the program was

very successful. Exercise, money saved on produce, and meeting people were the benefits mentioned.

One major problem found in the past is that some of the gardeners leave after a short time and their plots are infested by weeds. Workers are then needed by sprinklers that are hard to use. Because much time has been put into the project by the school and horticultural students, only sincere gardeners are encouraged to sign up.

Due to crab grass, weeds and the need for fertilization, the soil is dug up every year and gardeners are encouraged to plant annual vegetables. The last day to sign up for the vegetables will be in late October or November depending upon seasonal conditions.

Although there was some theft last year, the loss was nominal, and 48 out of 180 gardeners said they would definitely be turning this season. These people were given first choice for plots but there will still be 60 to 90 plots left.

Planting will begin May 1. Information concerning the Green Fingers program is available from the college's Community Services Office, 656-2631, extension 210.

Gold card services expanded for elderly

On Feb. 25 there will be a new Gold Card available for senior citizens. Clackamas Community College and the public schools within the College District are offering one card for all the community college districts instead of different cards for each district.

The Gold Card Club will entitle senior citizens to attend athletic, music, dramatic and other similar events and to enroll and participate in college classes (both credit and non-profit) at no cost. There may, however be certain restrictions such as, extra cost for materials for certain classes, seating limitations or admittance to a local event sponsored by an outside organization, which might be the case in a state-wide/district-wide event.

With this one card senior citizens will be able to attend activities at Canby, Colton, Estacada, Gladstone, Molalla, North Clackamas, Oregon City, Redland and West Linn.

In 1969 the first Gold Card was issued which allowed senior citizens to attend functions at no cost in their own district. While this was a step in the right direction, they still could not attend functions in another district without paying a fee.

Dr. Lee Reeder, then Dean of Academic affairs at Clackamas Community College and now president of Taft Community College in Taft, Calif., first developed the Gold Card concept and along with the cooperation of Michael Ayers, then ASG president, combined the districts under one card.

"As far as I know there is no single Gold Card in any one community college district used for all high school districts and

colleges in the United States," said Dr. Weiss, Dean of Community Services.

These changes will make it easier for senior citizens to watch games their grandchildren may be in or perhaps go to an

Work-study proposed for seniors

A senior citizens program modeled after the work-study program offered to college students has been proposed by Clackamas Community College President Dr. John Hakanson.

Hakanson's proposal which was presented Monday, Feb. 14, to the meeting of the Clackamas County Senior Citizen Council, would employ senior citizens in non-profit organizations.

Hakanson stressed that employment would be particularly important in school districts. Senior citizens could be employed as tutors, teachers aides, library assistants and as maintenance and supervisory personnel.

The program would be federally funded and some of the funds would have to come from some agency such as a school district, city or county government.

"If we are to teach our young people about the problems of the aged... putting large numbers of old people into active involvement with elementary and secondary school students and teachers through senior citizen employment offers a most promising way," said Hakanson.

out-of-district activity with a friend would also have the freedom to attend classes in other districts at no cost.

Senior citizens can pick up their Gold Cards at RSVP, Retired Senior Volunteer Program in Barlow Hall on the first floor. Persons 62 or over and living in the CCC district will be eligible.

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