

Skills center offers tutorial aid

Students who are having learning problems can go to the Study Skills Center and receive help.

The Study Skills Center offers study aids in all fields or curriculums that are offered at Clackamas Community College.

Department chairman of the Study Skills Center, Robert Misley, said out of the student body approximately 400 to 500 students per month use the center.

Slide and cassette tape viewers, tape recordings and pamphlets are all part of the aids available to students who request help.

"The program has been very rewarding for instructors who work through the program and see the improvements in students' work," said Misley.

Dr. John Hakanson, who started the pro-

gram approximately nine years ago, foresaw the need for the Study Skills Center to meet the community college philosophy of an open door policy.

Dr. Hakanson feels that students who have not completed high school may need the service and therefore the subjects would have to be started from a basic level.

The program has been very successful and Misley said the only problem encountered is that most students wait too long before requesting help.

Misley said students should not feel embarrassed to come in for help and any student is welcome. Many foreign students come in and request help in English because of the language barrier.

The main part of the Study Skills Center

is the tutorial services. Tutors are provided for biology, chemistry, foreign languages, math or any subject a student needs assistance in.

Misley said all services including tutorial assistance are free and should be used to the student's advantage.

"I cannot see how any student could not succeed if they ask for help," said Misley.

The Study Skills Center also assists blind and handicapped students. Readers for blind students, for example, are provided upon request.

The Study Skills Center is open Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Any student needing help is welcome and should take advantage of the free services provided.

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Brian Bruning doesn't want help in selecting the right kind of bra.

Ron West doesn't want a course in how to set his hair.

Ray Delker isn't interested in learning how to stand and sit properly in a skirt.

Larry Granger doesn't really care how he should act on a date with a man.

Don Bixler has no use for information about feminine personal hygiene.

These are some of the subjects being discussed this term in the Personal Promotion course at Clackamas Community College.

Why are men enrolled in this class? Simple.

Personal Promotion (CT-25) is a required course at CCC for business majors in Mid-Management or Merchandising.

Five of the 19 students registered for the course are men, Granger, Delker and West are three of them.

Bixler changed his major to avoid the course. Bruning was asked not to attend classes; a request which creates a problem of sorts for him.

"I almost feel like it's sex discrimination," Bruning said. "I can't take the course and I can't drop it; I need it for my Associate Degree."

Bixler, who was a business major in Mid-Management, changed his major to Industrial-Mobile Hydraulics.

"I couldn't see any sense in wasting time with that course. I'll wait and see what's required when I get to O.I.T.," he said.

Bruning and Bixler were not the only students to voice dissatisfaction. The gripes about the course are many.

"There may be a need for the course, but the way it's being taught is flat out discrimination. It's like enrolling in a sewing course and being required to take Body and Fender Shop to learn how to make patterns," said Granger.

"About the only thing Personal Promotion promotes to me, is how to be a woman," commented Delken.

"The text is called 'Today's Woman'. That should tell you something. One of the chapters is actually entitled 'How To Act On A Date With A Man,'" said West.

Eleanor Stubbs, department chairperson,

Reverse 'discrimination' surfaces in business curriculum

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admits the text is not consistent with the aims of the course.

"The text is a bummer," Stubbs said. "We thought the course would lean more toward Medical Assistant and Secretarial majors, who are traditionally female. When it turned out that a quarter of the class was made up of men, I withdrew the book as a required text. It definitely will not be a required text next term."

"We're not so much opposed to the course as we are the way it's being presented," Granger said. "There is something to be said for promoting yourself; but there's nothing in this course for a man, and we're required to take it."

Art Hames, director of counseling at CCC, feels that part of the problem may stem from the combining of two courses.

"The business curriculum was originally divided into two categories; Fashion Merchandising and Mid-Management. The two

programs were combined in 1974, and Personal Promotion, CT-25, has been a required course," Hames said. "I can understand the problems this presents for some of the guys enrolled in the program."

Many of the students enrolled in CCC's Mid-Management Program are funded by the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR). This often presents another kind of problem.

Of the 93 credits required to graduate, 45 must be in the areas of business administration, business technology, clothing and textiles, fashion management or industrial supervision. Though CCC offers 52 credits in those areas, 18 of them are "work experience" credits. In a number of cases, a DVR recipient must waive the "work experience" credits because of his disability.

"That means I have to take things I don't really want, like Home Economics courses, as substitutes for 'work experience' courses," one student said. "DVR almost pushes people into business courses; and when they're paying the tuition, you have to justify what you're taking if you substitute courses."

According to Don McKay, DVR representative, the problem is a rare one.

"Obviously, we wouldn't certify a vocationally handicapped person for rehabilitation unless that person was potentially employable. If he is eligible for DVR funds, he is able to work in the field of his studies," McKay said.

"Not so," said Granger, "I had to get a doctor's statement and then have my attorney intervene when DVR tried to cut off my funds."

DVR funds or not, business majors are required to take CT-25. Numerous complaints have been made through channels. Lyle Reese, division chairperson, business education and public service, has been involved in some of them.

"I have been made aware, from both viewpoints, of the apparent problem. We are working toward a resolution," Reese said.

The men enrolled in the Personal Promotion course agree on two things: "It's a stupid class for us to be required to take," and, "Eleanor knows -- and she cares."

