

Annual skills contest scheduled

Over 250 people are expected to register for the seventh annual Job Skill Olympics to be held at Clackamas Community College April 15 and 16.

The event is being held under the auspices of the Vocational Industrial Club of America (VICA) which is part of a nationwide organization of high school students who are training for industrial-vocational occupations.

For the past seven years students have been competing once a year in events like welding, auto body repair, drafting, bricklaying, extemporaneous speech, carpentry and commercial art.

Trophies and scholarships will be awarded to the top contestants. In addition to the awards the events will give them the opportunity to talk to others with similar skills and to investigate job possibilities.

The contestants will represent Oregon high schools such as Madras, Estacada, Lebanon, Rogue River and North Bend. After registering Friday morning they will be visiting various industrial vocational classes at CCC along with their advisors and friends.

"As there will be many high school students and other participants visiting classes and touring around campus, please be good hosts and make them feel welcome," said Gib Bloomquist, chairman of the olympics.

The skill contests will be held Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The awards ceremony will be held immediately following the contests. Judging the contests will be people from local business and instructors from Oregon State University.

Bloomquist and Larry Noonan, co-chairmen of the olympics have been working on the Skill Olympics for the past year along with Bill Hargadine who has helped set up the facilities.

"The Skill Olympics is helpful in that it gives those who are tops in their field the prestige to go on and improve or seek jobs, not just in professional college courses but all skill areas," said Bloomquist.

Festival highlights Earth Week

Associated Student Government at Clackamas Community College will sponsor the second annual Spring Arts and Ecology Festival, Friday and Saturday, April 22 and 23 as part of the college's Earth Week events (April 18 through 25).

"The festival will feature a plant sale, exhibits by local artists, environmental sketches by Schizoid Plus and tours of the Environmental Learning Center (ELC)," said Jerry Bellavita, ASG senator.

The Clackamas County Extension Service and the 4-H clubs have adopted this year's state theme for Earth Week, "Planning Oregon's Tomorrow," as the theme for a jointly sponsored poster competition. Contest entries from local high schools and grade schools will be on display in the Community Center Mall throughout Earth Week.

"I think the theme is an inspirational one," Bellavita said, "and deserving of serious thought."

Each day at 1 p.m. beginning April 18, Jerry Herrmann will conduct a compost seminar. "Herrmann will turn garbage into

dirt," according to Bellavita.

Ken Roberts (a CCC student) will moderate a panel discussion of the Experimental Energy Exposition on Wednesday, April 20, from 2 to 5 p.m. in CC-117. The symposium will be a "group brainstorming session" and will ask the question, "how do we get out of the energy mess we're in?," said Bellavita.

Saturday, April 23, the ELC will be dedicated to John Inskeep, former Oregon state senator. The Oregon National Guard will participate in the flag-raising ceremony. Symbolic of the celebration, the green International Ecology Flag will fly over the ELC.

The concept of Earth Week is not a new one. On October 15, 1969, over one million Americans demonstrated for a war moratorium. Lighted candles in the major cities of the U.S. proclaimed a "celebration of life." The day was designated Earth Day.

Now the war is over. The celebration, like the people, has undergone a change. This celebration draws its fervor from the living. The aim, as Bellavita sees it, is to "reach a sane relationship with our environment."

Board of Education hopefuls voice college concerns

Elections for two positions on the Clackamas Community College Board of Education will be Tuesday, April 19.

Clackamas County District Attorney Roger Rook is currently on the CCC Board of Education and is running for a third term. Rook is running unopposed in Zone 3; Rex Putnam school district.

Although Rook has not officially announced his platform, he said he has a continuing interest to provide the community with education through the community college.

"I want CCC to be made available to the community to use after the regular 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. hours," said Rook.

Rook would like to make the campus open to the public during the weekend so people may use the facilities.

Running for the board position in Zone 6, (Estacada) are Corrine "Bonnie" Jones; Estacada, Ruth Kaser; Molalla and Betty Tuffli; Oregon City.

Jones is currently on the CCC Board of Education and will run against Kaser and Tuffli for the four-year position.

"I've been on the CCC Board and know enough about it to do more good," said Jones.

"I want to see that the college serves the people because that is what it is for," said Jones.

Kaser has never run for a board position but is impressed with CCC and feels that it has come a long way.

"We live in the far end of the county," said Kaser, "and some representation from this end should be on the board."

Tuffli is also running for a board position for the first time. Tuffli has an interest in education and has taught high school business classes. Tuffli said she wants to be "a voice of the common people who are concerned about their tax dollars and the education of the people of the community."

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