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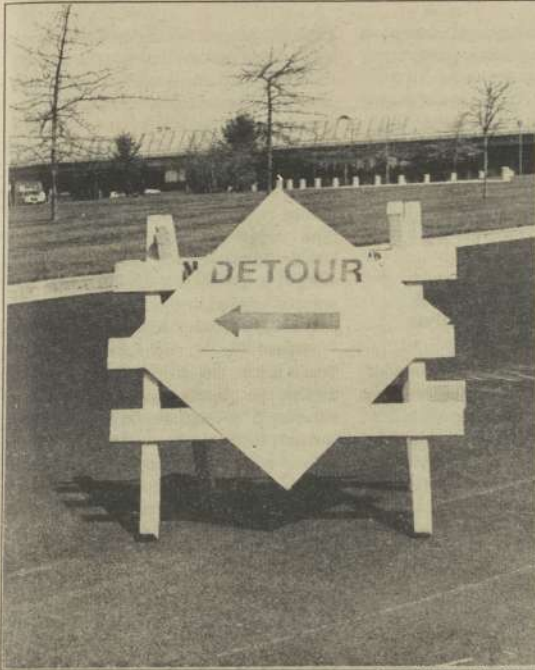


Photo by Julie Church

After months of waiting, the Tri-Met Bus turnaround is complete, enabling the college to remove these detour signs blocking it.

by Briane C. Dotson
News Editor

The Tri-Met bus turnaround by the Community Center has finally been completed, five months after it was initially started.

Originally slated for completion on Oct. 15, the bus turnaround was not finished until April 12, almost six months later.

Parker Construction of Portland, the sub-contractor, refused to complete the construction in bad weather. They said that the asphalt would not hold and the job would have to be done over again. Parker Construction promised that as soon as the weather was good enough they would get a crew out immediately to finish up the job, according to Administrative Dean of College Services and Planning Bill Ryan.

"I feel really good about this being completed," said Ryan.

Ryan had hoped that the turnaround would be completed in March, but the weather was not good enough.

In order to complete the turn-

around, temperatures above 50 degrees were needed without precipitation. The spring-like weather that recently covered the Northwest allowed the construction to be completed.

The turnaround cost nearly \$127,000. Clackamas Community College paid \$44,000; the State of Oregon paid the remaining 65 percent of the bill.

"We were fortunate to get some help paying for the turnaround," said Ryan.

Ryan said that the turnaround will last for 15 years, hopefully 20. There will probably be some minor patching to be done however.

The original Tri-Met turnaround was built in 1978, and had to be overhauled because of damage done by the heavier buses which Tri-Met now uses. The new turnaround has been built to withstand the weight of the new heavier buses that Tri-Met is now using on many of their routes.

The bus turnaround should be open for buses to use later this week.

Controversy surrounds Veterans' Office

by Jim Titus
Copyeditor

An upcoming personnel change in the Veterans' Office has stirred up controversy among Clackamas Community College military veterans.

Betty Reynolds, who currently works as an information specialist in the counseling center, will switch positions with Pat Fontaine, the present veterans' specialist, April 21. Reynolds will retire in December of this year. The change has created concern among veterans who feel that it will cause problems with processing paperwork, leading to delays in receipt of veterans' assistance funds.

According to Garrett Lytle, who works in the Veterans' Office under the work-study program and is also a United States Army veteran, the primary issue of concern

to veterans is the short time involved in the changeover.

"The biggest question is 'Why change in the middle of the term?'" Lytle stated. "Let's review this, let us (veterans) get involved, and wait until the summer."

Lytle is concerned that the switch is being "pushed" through with little or no involvement on the part of the veterans. He said that he had talked to about 25-30 veterans who told him they "want to be involved in this decision and in future decisions."

Director of Counseling Lee Turpin says his rationale in making the change is that he is trying to "make sure we keep the same level of service. Pat is the only one right now that fully knows what's going on (in the Veterans' Office). We need to strengthen the department by making sure that

more than one person knows the job." Turpin says that after Reynolds retires he will hire a new person to fill the position of veterans' specialist.

With the population of veterans on college campuses projected to increase nationwide by about 25 percent in the next five years, Turpin is determined to maintain or even increase the level of service the college provides to veterans.

"My emphasis is to make sure that we keep full service. If the situation warrants we may even increase (the level of service)," Turpin explained.

Turpin is also under the impression that Fontaine may decide to leave soon, but she denies this claim.

"I hadn't thought about leaving until this issue came up. It's

not a valid consideration," Fontaine refuted.

Fontaine is also concerned that the switch will create problems with the service the office provides to veterans.

"I definitely foresee some problems. Betty (Reynolds) is very competent but she is working with a whole new system. However, we will work together to make the transition as smooth as possible."

Fontaine stated that it takes 30 days to fully notify the Veterans' Administration regional office of such a change. This notification period could cause the office to send back paperwork signed by Reynolds for verification, resulting in delays in processing paperwork.

According to the Portland regional office of the Veterans' Administration there are no standards for the training of local college veterans' specialists. The regional office also stated that local veterans' specialists are considered employees of their respective colleges and are thus subject to the administrative supervision of the college department to which they belong.

The Veterans' Office processes paperwork relating to money received by veterans under several programs that provide tuition assistance in exchange for military service. The office also coordinates compliance of individual veterans to the guidelines of such programs and provides tutoring to veterans. The bulk of the work in the Veterans' Office is completed at the start of each term.

Photography, Columbia Gorge are topics in... Classes being offered by ELC

The John Inskeep Environmental Learning Center, located on the Clackamas campus, is conducting several programs this month.

Wildlife, scenic, and macro photography are being explored in a series of evening classes. The first class, Wildlife Photography, was held April 12. A class in scenic photography will be conducted tonight from 7-9 p.m. and includes a field trip to Silver Creek Falls State Park Saturday. The macro photography class will be held April 26 from 7-9 p.m. with a field trip to

Camassia Wilderness Area the following Saturday. The cost of individual classes is \$21 for ELC members and \$24 for non-members.

Special Sunday programs will be conducted throughout this month at the Environmental Learning Center. The programs include a slide show at 2 p.m., tour at 2:30 p.m., and film presentation at 3 p.m. There will also be a discussion on Birds of Prey featuring live owls, hawks, and falcons. The programs are free but a donation of \$1 per adult is re-

quested.

The Columbia Gorge's unique role in climate and geology, and its significance to Northwest Indian tribes and white settlers will be the focus of a program that is available as credit at Lewis and Clark College. Classes will be conducted at the Environmental Learning Center 8 a.m. Saturday, April 30 through 5 p.m. Sunday, May 1.

For more information on any of these programs, contact the Environmental Learning Center at 657-8400 ext. 351.

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ELC to sponsor

plant sale

The John Inskeep Environmental Learning Center will be sponsoring its annual plant sale May 5-7 and 12-13, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Experts will be on hand to help pick out the plants which will be best for you the landscape and wildlife.

All landscape materials will be priced reasonably low and there will be a large variety to choose from.

For further information contact Jerry Herrmann at Ext. 351.

All proceeds will help support the new Lakeside Education Hall.

Play to premiere in Portland

The Oregon premiere of "Yankee Dawg You Die" by Phillip Kan Gotanda will open April 21 and runs through May 21. The play will be shown Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. at the International Firehouse Cultural Center, 5340 N. Interstate, Portland.

'Drunk or Sober' video airs today

The video "48 Hours: Drunk or Sober" will be shown today at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. in the CC Fireside Lounge. The video portrays two days and two nights with alcoholics, families of alcoholics and MADD support groups.

Next Tuesday, the video "Alcoholism" will be shown at 9 a.m. in the same location.

Ex-addict to speak

A guest speaker will be appearing at the Cocaine Anonymous meeting today from noon to 1 p.m. in the Community Center Mall. The speaker will talk about his experience with drugs.

