

Clackamas offers ASE certification

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Beginning this year, Clackamas Community College has become the sole Portland area testing station for Auto Service Excellence (ASE) certification.

On May 9, 11 and 16, auto mechanics from the Portland metropolitan area were on campus to take examinations in one of three areas: auto mechanics, including things such as tune up, brakes, front end alignment and automatic transmission; heavy-duty truck, which included such items as brakes, frame repair and electrical systems; and auto-body, which includes auto-body repair and auto-body refinishing.

According to Marc Essig, head of the Automotive Department, ASE certification has changed from being more of an asset to the mechanic to a necessary requirement for employment. Essig continued by saying that most dealerships are striving for 100 percent

ASE certification from the mechanics they employ.

The exams given are designed for those individuals who have two years experience in the automotive industry. These individuals are given a battery of written tests which will show their knowledge and ability to repair automobiles.

Few actual students take the examination, but those who do and actually pass it acquire one year "credit" towards the two they need for certification.

The test certifies the mechanic for five years and then must be renewed. Therefore, after the students who passed it have achieved the second year of certification, they become certified for four more years before they need to retake the exam.

Before the exam is administered it is previewed by the educators and technicians. The exam is designed so individuals without "hands-on" experience will not be able to pass it no matter how much they have studied manuals. Each question is formed as a problem with multiple choice answers aimed at mechanics who have learned by actually performing the work.

"Our staff here (at Clackamas Community College) is one hundred percent ASE certified. The automotive staff includes three full-time auto mechanics, one auto-body mechanic, and one refinishing mechanic," concluded Essig.

Mother's use of alcohol harmful to the unborn

According to the Oregon Council on Alcoholism and Drug Addiction the public doesn't realize the harm that a mother's alcohol consumption can cause to the fetus.

"We still don't know of a safe level of drinking for pregnant mothers," said Nina Robart, OCADA executive director.

"There are still doctors who tell their patients that one or two drinks a day is safe. That simply isn't true," said Robart.

"Any woman who drinks during pregnancy risks causing alcohol-related birth defects in her unborn child," said Robart.

Thefts make college turn to prevention measures

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Center. The fourth theft occurred at the Holly Farm Mall annex, two computers and a VCR were stolen on February 20, according to Public Safety records.

Several staff members who were leaving McLoughlin Hall saw a male carrying a computer in

the vicinity of the bookstore at 8:05 p.m. the night of the theft. In the Holly Farm theft a mall store owner saw three men carrying out two computers and a VCR.

In all of these thefts the computers and VCRs were not anchored down or secured to fixed objects. As a result a program has been started which would secure all computers and VCRs by mid-

summer.

To secure these computers and VCRs Clackamas Community College is using Righton spot anchors, which are made by the SecurTech Co. of Lake Oswego.

These spot anchors will be secured to the computers by an adhesive bond which SecurTech claims is stronger than the cable casing itself. The cables which hold

the computers to the padlock, are made of aircraft cable and will not scratch the computers.

According to Johnson it will cost the college about \$35 to \$45 for each computer to be secured.

"I encourage the anchoring of all computers, typewriters, VCRs, and other objects as a preventative to crime," said Johnson.



JIM TITUS - Selected next year's editor-in-chief of "The Clackamas Print."



BRIANE C. DOTSON - News Editor of "The Clackamas Print" for 1989-90.

Editor selected for 1989-90

Jim Titus, currently copy editor of *The Clackamas Print*, was named editor-in-chief of this newspaper for next school year. Titus will assume the duties of that decision following the departure of current editor, Christopher L. Curran, who will leave in June.

Titus was chosen to the position Tuesday morning by a four member committee, consisting of Curran, Student Publications Advisor Linda Vogt, Student Programs Specialist Paul Kylo, and Emily Orlando. He was contending for the position with News Editor Briane C. Dotson.

"Briane and I are very compatible," said Titus, "that's why I think we'll be successful next year."

Titus became copyeditor of *The Clackamas Print* at the beginning of Winter term.

A 1984 Canby Union High School graduate, Titus spent four years in the Army. He came to Clackamas this year after being discharged from the Army last summer.

Titus was a page editor on the Canby Union High School newspaper, *Paw Prints*, in 1984.

Dotson came on to the staff at the beginning of the year, and wrote primarily for the news sec-

tion. He became news editor at the beginning of winter term.

Dotson graduated from Colton High School in 1988. He plans to study journalism throughout college and eventually work in the radio industry.

"I'm very optimistic," said Dotson. "I think it will work out very well."

Titus, Dotson and Vogt will be selecting their staff of section editors for next year within the next week.

"I'm looking forward to a good year," said Titus. "I think we'll have a strong paper."



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