

Hutchinson named department head

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Due to the death of Jim Streeter last May, Clackamas now has a new Math Department Head. Don Hutchinson, who was hired six years ago by Streeter, now holds the position.

Hutchinson's new job description includes writing schedules for instructors, keeping track of how the money in the budget is spent, and generally making sure everyone is doing their job. This includes the tutors in the math lab, which he plans to focus on this year.

The \$2 fee which has been added on to all math class this year will be used to help pay for video machines, videos, other kinds of math aids, and wages for tutors.

"There are 1200 students enrolled in math classes this term. That is 1200 potential users of the math lab."

Hutchinson feels his biggest project is the math lab. As it is now he thinks people are intimidated by the tutors and do not go for help because of this. To get around this problem he intends to have all tutors take a tutoring class which is being offered this term and again in the Spring.

"I encourage anyone that wants to be a tutor, no matter how much math they have had, to do it," Hutchinson said.

Hutchinson is putting the class together with Judy Peabody whose "considerable experience in working with developmental students will be a great asset," Hutchinson said. This class is intended to help the tutors understand when they are doing a good job explaining and when they are not quite getting the point across.

It also is a credited class which is held once a week and worth one credit.

Even though being the head of a department has many responsibilities he still finds time for his wife, Claudia, and their four children: Trinh, a freshman at University of Chicago, Micki, a senior at Benson High, Jacob whose in the sixth grade, and Christine a second grader.



Don Hutchinson, the new head of the math department, is fast at work on his latest text book.

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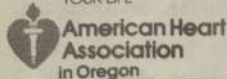


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