

'If you haven't got education, what do you do?'

Exchange Counselor Harper adjusts to U.S.

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Exchange Counselor Barry Harper, who is replacing Counselor Norm Bernie for this academic year, has had several adjustments to make since coming to America. He has had to learn how to drive on the "right" side of the road, how to deal with 7 a.m. staff meetings and how to renew a devotion to recycling.

Harper is at Clackamas through a teacher exchange program introduced by Precision Cast Parts. The exchange, which allows Harper the security of moving back to his native Sheffield, England in one year, will definitely be a learning tool for both men.

"We've exchanged houses, cars and jobs," explained Harper. "The whole process took a year before it actually came about."

At Clackamas, Harper will spend half his time working in the counseling department and the other half working with area middle and high schools. His job at Loxley College in England consisted of full time employ-



Photo by Lane Scheideman

Barry Harper, an exchange counselor from Loxley College in Sheffield, England, assists students during registration.

ment in the counseling department and teaching engineering classes six hours a week.

Harper worked his way through college beginning with a five year engineering apprenticeship. He was promoted to a works engineer and moved to West Africa, and lived in Nigeria for four years. He returned to England

and studied full time for his teaching certificate. He taught engineering for three years in Zambia under a government program to help under-developed countries. Harper then taught at two other colleges before attaining his current position at Loxley in 1979. He has his Masters Degree in guidance and counseling.

Five weeks into his stay, Harper has a very positive outlook on the people he's encountered.

"When they say 'Have a nice day,' they really mean it, even though some days I would like to decide for myself what kind of day I have," Harper said.

The educational system in the U.S. differs greatly from the system Harper is accustomed to working with. He explained the students in America have many more options, a better learning environment and more resources.

"The American students must realize how lucky they are. They aren't under as much pressure."

At Loxley, Harper has to deal with a very tight budget. Counselors are only allowed to make 260 photo copies a year, the phones cannot dial out of the college before 1 p.m. and some students are not allowed into the programs they need because of staffing problems.

"We try not to turn anyone away... We try to say there's a class for everyone."

One point Harper made was that if it weren't for the students he deals with, he wouldn't have a job.

"We must be here for the students. You wouldn't be in the game if you weren't interested in them. That must be the philosophy of every college. It's no good being a clock watcher if you're in the counseling department."

Academic counseling has only been recognized in England for the last three years. Harper is hoping the things he learns while at Clackamas will give him an advantage when he returns to Loxley next fall.

"If you haven't got education, what do you do?" he asked.

Campus clubs strut their stuff

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A Club Brag will be held on Oct. 3 from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. in the Community Center. The purpose of this time is to familiarize students with the numerous activities sponsored by CCC and these clubs.

The clubs cover a wide range of topics from recreation for the bowler or skier to co-curricular clubs for the actor, musician or writer. Sports clubs for track, volleyball, and a variety of other sports are also offered.

One of the most active clubs is Phi Theta Kappa, which is an honor club for students with a grade point average of 3.5 or better. An orientation meeting will be held next week for students interested in what the club is all about.

Baptist Student Ministries (BSM) has also started meeting during the noon hour on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

The Drama club is active in sponsoring theatre activities that take place on and off the campus.

Students For A Better Lifestyle (STABL) has also made plans to meet on Mondays and Fridays to band together, support, and educate other students who are concerned about social issues and addictive behavior. They help people choose to make a change for a better lifestyle.

The Booster Club provides students and staff with the opportunity to help raise funds for the athletic teams at the college. They sponsor tournaments and other activities in connection with the athletic department.

Students are urged to get involved in the school and take part in a club that centers on their particular area of interest. There are over 32 clubs available; the Club Brag is a time to find out how to get more involved.

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