

News Briefs

Graduation petitions due

Petitions for graduation must be submitted to the Registrar's office by May 3. The graduation ceremony will be held June 7 at 7 p.m. in the Randall Gymnasium. Caps and gowns will be available free of charge through student activities beginning two weeks before graduation. The bookstore will also have graduation announcements available for purchase at that time.

Career day to be held

The annual **Criminal Justice Careers Day** is tomorrow at Western Oregon State College. Interested students can register in the Counseling Center. The \$8 fee includes lunch and program materials for the event which is designed to acquaint students with career and employment opportunities in law enforcement, corrections, parole and probation and other criminal justice professions.

Measure 5 forum scheduled

College President John Keyser will be conducting student information forums next Tuesday and Wednesday in the CC Mall to explain the effects of Ballot Measure 5 on Clackamas. On Tuesday the forum will be at 12:30 p.m. and Wednesday it begins at noon.

College bookstore moving

The bookstore is moving at the end of next week from McLoughlin Hall to the north end of Streeter Hall (the new Computer Tech Building). This temporary move is due to the bookstore remodel, which is scheduled to be completed July 30.

Open house planned

Don't miss the CCC Alternative Program's Open House tomorrow. The Targeted Learning Center at the Harmony Center will be open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. The Tri-City Alternative Program located at 607 Main Street in Oregon City will be open from 9 to 11 a.m. From 12:45 to 3 p.m. the Vocational Options Program at 701 John Adams Street in Oregon City will have their doors open. The Young Parent Opportunities Program in the Lindsley House at Clackamas will be open for visitors from 9 to 11 a.m.

Gulf War topic of series

The **War in the Gulf Series** continues today with a lecture by Science Instructor Bob Misely on the environmental impact of the war from noon to 1 p.m. in Barlow 103. On Thursday there will be a video presentation in the CC Fireside Lounge of **Introduction of Arab Culture** from 1:30 to 2:15 p.m. Friday, Journalism Instructor Linda Vogt will lead a discussion on the media coverage of the war in Barlow 103 from noon to 1 p.m.

Hare & Tortoise run Sunday

The fourth annual Hare & Tortoise 5K run is scheduled for this Sunday. It begins at 10 a.m. and is set to be over at noon. Participants will follow a course on the college campus. The entrance fee is \$10 if participants want a T-shirt and \$5 for those who don't. Contact the Community Recreation Office at ext. 211 for more information.

Weight room open to public

The Clackamas weight room is open to the public now through June 7 Monday through Thursday from 5 to 9 p.m. There are Olympic weights, exercycles and universal weight machines. The sauna and whirlpool are available upon request. Call the Community Recreation Office at ext. 211 for more information.

Family resource fair Saturday

The Family Resource Fair is this Saturday in the CC Mall from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Booths will display resources for the family and there will be activities for children.

Gallery exhibit continues

Silverton artist Gary Meacham currently has a number of oil portraits and landscapes on display in the Pauling Gallery. The gallery hours are 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday - Thursday and 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday. The display will continue through May 3.

Graduation speakers needed

Graduating sophomores can audition to be speakers at the June 7 ceremony. Just pick up a form in the student activities office or call extension 245 for more information.



Becoming aware of hidden handicaps

by Grace Eagle Reed
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Wheelchairs, crutches, seeing-eye dogs and canes might remind you the persons that use these aids are handicapped. But what of hidden handicaps?

David Campbell, Clackamas counselor for Disabled Students Services, said there are several different hidden handicaps: learning disabilities; mental illness (which includes depression); Alzheimers disease; cancer; deafness; epilepsy; alcohol/drug addiction; and effects from pain medication.

"Learning disabilities take many forms," Campbell said. "Dyslexia, or dysanagnosia, is one example; you're not getting the message that everybody else is getting. There is scrambled intake of information. Are you seeing what the instructor is seeing? Are you hearing what others are hearing?"

Campbell related a story of a young woman who made it through high school using her own techniques that helped her deal with a dyslexic condition, but when she got to college, she couldn't function.

"She reverses numbers, has organizational problems and procrastination is a habit. She just needs more help now that she is in college," Campbell said. "These are the students who take longer to retain information, need more strategies to hold onto information." Campbell stressed that identity of students is kept confidential unless permission is granted.

"Another case was a young man who received a brain injury from an accident. He couldn't read, couldn't decode the English language, so of course he didn't consider college to advance himself. He is married with children; he can't work his previous job as a result of the injury and couldn't train for another career. But with help from our program," said Campbell, "he was able to bypass his handicap and went on to become very successful. I'd like to point out that a good attitude helped him get through the hurdles."

The learning disabled have diagnosable conditions. There is a vast network of help available throughout Clackamas County, as well as on campus. Handicapped people, under Section 504 of the

Civil Rights Act, are protected by law. "Those with hidden handicaps are especially protected," said Campbell. "These people may not know they are protected by law."

Instructors are open to working with students with hidden handicaps if the problem is identified. That is done through testing.

"Students need to assist their instructor by being open and honest about their disability," Campbell advised. "If you need to take an exam orally, use a tape recorder in class, or write your paper using one of the special computers available, you must let your instructor know that is what you need. These learning aids are there to help advance your education."

Jerry Bartee, a student, is 30 percent disabled from military action and is dyslexic.

"I can't read and retain it," said Bartee, "but there is lots of help available in the learning center. The reason I chose Clackamas College is that testing for handicaps is not timed. Timed tests frustrate me."

"Math is hard for me," Bartee added. "I finally learned my multiplication tables. I'm 35 years old. My math instructor, Jack Scrivener, told me I was smart and I could learn it. Those strokes really helped me. Today I made the honor roll. I'm really proud!"

Virginia (Ginny) Cowan is a handicapped student suffering from diabetes, congestive heart condition and emphysema.

"The handicap program really helped me. I get special help with registration; it's hard for me to stand in line for long periods of time. I'm late to class frequently, but my instructors understand my handicap."

Cowan started classes here in 1983 and will be graduating with her degree in English this June. She has taken classes off and on for 38 years.

"This school period has been the most vital, exciting and happy time of my life. I truly believe that school is keeping me alive and well. I'll be 60 years old next week!"

One student in graphic arts has had to deal with her hidden handicap, dyslexia. "I didn't think I could learn in the same amount of time as other students." She will graduate in June.

Students who identify with this information and think they have a

hidden handicap can get help: On campus, call 657-6958 ext. 266 to contact the Coordinator of Services for Disabled Students, Counseling Department.

There are other services available including the following: Alcoholics Anonymous, 223-8569; Dyslexia Society, 295-6399; Oregon Family Counseling, 646-2843; United Way information and referral, 222-5555; and Soar, 238-1613.

One student who wanted to remain anonymous said, "It's O.K. to have a handicap; take your time in dealing with it. Know you have many choices and much support. Utilize these different programs."

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