

CCC jazz groups perform Vocal jazz contest held

by Melissa Freels
Staff Reporter

"We just want to provide an educational experience for participants," said Lonnie Cline, a CCC music instructor, as he discussed the Ninth Annual Clackamas Vocal Jazz Festival, which will take place on March 20.

The Vocal Jazz Festival will include 21 vocal ensembles representing high schools from Oregon and Washington. The schools will be divided into two divisions. "Division One" will include A and AA schools, while "Division Two" will include AAA and Quad A schools. In addition, there will be a "Non-mixed Division," where schools of any size can compete.

Although the Vocal Jazz Festival is considered to be a competition, Cline said that it is an "educationally-based jazz festival with emphasis on education versus competition."

The competition will begin Friday, March 20 at 8 a.m. and will

end at 6:30 p.m. At 8 p.m. on Friday, the high school finalists from each division will perform.

At the end of the finals concert, "Mainstream" and "Straight Ahead," CCC's Vocal Jazz Ensembles, will perform. This will familiarize some of the high school participants with CCC's music department, and, according to Cline, will help recruit incoming students.

Continuing to emphasize education, CCC will present an award to an outstanding vocalist in each of the divisions. The award winner will be selected by the competition judges and will receive a two-year talent grant for Clackamas. The award winners will not necessarily be members of ensembles that made the finals.

Admission to the festival is \$2 for the day only; \$5 for the evening only; and \$6 for the whole festival and concert. The Vocal Jazz Festival will be held in CCC's Randall Hall.

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Program assists nursing students

by Tracy Hobbs
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Have you ever thought something was too good to be true? That's what the future nursing students will feel after they get accepted to the program. All 33 of them.

Roberta Donaldson, Nursing Advisor, estimates that 80-90 people will apply for the two-year program. This number is the estimate after 116 students took the SCAT test on Feb. 26-27. This is quite a change when the counseling and nursing departments were soliciting people to enter the program.

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Assistant Dean of Science and Math, Chuck Scott, has only positive things to say about the nursing program at CCC. But because of unavailability as a result of Measure Five and restrictions set up by the State Nursing Association, for each ten students, they must hire another instructor.

According to Scott, "Given the general budget that the college operates in, giving more resources to the nursing department is unlikely at this time."

The process to get into the nursing program is a long, involved one. The students are in the second step in the application process and are struggling through the prerequisite classes.

The students must complete the

prerequisite classes before June. The classes are Math 70, Biology 101 and 102, Chemistry 104 and 105 and Microbiology 234.

The first step to apply is to take the college placement scores and submit a sealed copy of their high school transcripts or college placements.

The hopeful applicants then need to submit an official copy of their college transcripts. The students must also take the SCAT test which is comprehensive, with 50 questions of verbal analogies and 50 Math questions.

The students must sign a certificate of residency and sign an anti-substance/alcohol abuse form. These are attached to the application which must be turned in to the Nursing Department by April 1, 1992.

Additionally, students are judged on handicaps, illnesses and criminal offenses. If they are accepted they must have a physical examination and have current immunizations.

Donaldson has advice for program hopefuls during their prerequisite year. "I try to encourage students to get as much of the support work out of the way as they can, but to not overload themselves," Donaldson said.

She added that students need to remember that they do have a life away from the program. "They put their chances in jeopardy when they stress themselves; they won't perform academically as well or test as well."

The estimated cost for the first year student is \$2100 and costs for the second year are estimated at \$1650. It takes three years to complete the program including the prerequisite year. The accepted students will begin their studies

this upcoming summer term.

With only 33 accepted students that leaves close to 60 students to find another schooling option. The Counseling Department has a list of alternatives for students besides the medical-related programs here. Student Phyllis Smith doesn't feel her life depends on acceptance into the program. "If I don't get accepted, I go back to work at my other job," she said.

Bachelors of Science in Nursing programs are available at University of Portland, Linfield Good Samaritan and Walla Walla. Associate Degree in Nursing programs

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are also offered at Mt. Hood, Chemeketa and Portland Community Colleges and also at Clark College in Vancouver.

Student Shari Horn hopes to continue her education at Clackamas. She thinks the program at CCC is very good. "I heard that Clackamas students have a high rate of success at passing their boards; to me that says the program is very good."

Nonetheless, students who are already pursuing their careers at Clackamas would much rather continue their education here. The 33 students that will be chosen after the April 13 deadline will be thinking that their lives are too good to be true.

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