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## Student apathy a key issue

# ASG Officer Candidates face off in forum

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ASG held its Officer election forum yesterday in the CC Mall from noon to 1 p.m. Candidates campaigning for the offices of President and Vice President spoke to students.

CCC students Amy Gaskell, Alisa M. Dean and Harold Isackson are running for President. CCC students Shauna Barnett and Jeff DuBell are running for Vice President.

During the forum, candidates were given three minutes each to openly speak to students. Following the speeches was a question and answer period controlled by moderators President Lauri Mayfield and Senator John Cowart.

The first speaker of the forum was Vice Presidential Candidate Shauna Barnett.

"There are several qualities that I feel are necessary to be a good Vice President. One is a good sense of humor which is a must when you work with fifteen other people. Another quality is a good listener. Enthusiasm and a dedication to work are also helpful," spoke Barnett.

Barnett feels that her two years experience working for ASG has given her the attributes that are essential to being Vice President.

"After serving for two years, I feel I have learned a lot about leadership. It is necessary to respect others opinions and to be fair in decisions. I have the qualities to be a good Vice President."

The next speaker was Vice Presidential Candidate Jeff DuBell.

"Most the candidates you see before you have been in the Student Government before and they

know what has been going on but most of us don't know what's going on. Most of us are the students on the outside."

DuBell used this speaking opportunity to inform students as to what he can bring to the office of Vice President.

"As Vice President I am an accounting major. I love accounting. You know what we need in accounting around here? We need space."

After DuBell it was time for the ASG Presidential Candidates to speak to students. The first Presidential Candidate to speak was Dean.

Dean stated some of the missions she would like to accomplish at CCC.

"Today can be the base-point so that student involvement can go forward in a positive, energetic, honest and successful leadership."

"I, as your ASG President would strive to incorporate these elements in my day-to-day dealings."

Dean also spoke of her attributes that she feels is pertinent to being ASG President.

"I have two major philosophies that I feel are the keys to being a success. One is that attitude is everything and the second is accept diversity."

The next ASG Presidential Candidate to speak was Gaskell.

"My two years here at Clackamas have allowed me and enabled me to learn how to work exceptionally well with the administration. I am never shy when I am standing up for student's needs or wants and most importantly I'm listened to."



ASG Presidential Candidates Alisa Dean (left), Amy Gaskell (center) and Harold Isackson speak to students during Monday's forum. All candidates considered student apathy a key issue.

"I have a strong feeling I can confirm and I can totally guarantee all of you that my responsibility as President, number one priority will be to select 14 other members in ASG with the same goals, the same agendas as myself; not 14 or 15 Amy Gaskells. No, by no means, but with the same agendas for you."

Following Gaskell, Isackson spoke as an ASG Presidential Candidate.

"Knowing what the students want and need is an important factor in the office of Student Body President. The Student Body President's primary responsibility is to be the voice of the students."

Although college is important to Isackson, he feels that being involved in the community is essential to growth.

that although academic goal in life and a career is important, equally important to that is being involved and being of service to your community."

Isackson also addressed his sight impairment.

"Yes, I am blind but if you talk to me and my associates I think you will hear from them that my blindness has not been a significant detractor from abilities to perform my various duties."

Once the candidates had finished their speeches, the moderators questioned each of them on issues that affect students.

One of the questions pertained to persuading students to get registered and vote on issues facing the community.

Gaskell was the first to field this question.

"To inform students and

get them involved and get them involved in political issues: number one, educate them if they don't know about issues. They certainly are not going to have a stand on them."

Isackson then responded to the voter registration issue.

"You would be amazed to take a little historical look at some of the issues and some of the candidates in history would not have been elected or issues passed by one vote."

Then Dean responded to the question.

"Let people see what they are missing by not getting involved, let them see what the bad effects can be by letting something happen."

Next, the forum was open to students to ask questions.

Voting is May 6, 7 and 8.

## College sets goals for year 2000

# President Keyser defines aspects of educational reform

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House Bill 3565, the educational reform bill, is still in the beginning phases, but Clackamas Community College is planning well in advance to deal with the many implications of the bill.

Last Thursday, College President John Keyser and Assistant Dean of the Industrial Division Kit Youngren defined aspects of educational reform and explained where it was going and how it would affect the college.

The educational reform bill is aiming to restructure our current education system which is necessary

to achieve the state's goals: Having the best educated citizens by the year 2000 and a workforce equal to anyone by the year 2010.

Keyser opened the conference with an overview of the reform process and explained some of the trends and the new forces which are beginning to take place.

"The rest of the nation is looking at Oregon to see how we're going to do," he said.

One of the trends that will have to be dealt with is to tighten the college's financial resources and to prepare to deal with the increase in enrollment pressures.

Keyser said that the fiscal struggle isn't a new problem.

"We've already been dealing with financial problems," he said.

Keyser emphasized three new forces that will be "a much bigger challenge."

He cited the many changes that will take place because of educational reform, the importance of merging the educational system and the workplace and the increased role of community colleges which will be expected to do more and more.

"It's complex and revolutionary ... a whole variety

of implications," Keyser said.

Universities are in trouble considering the changes that need to be made suit educational reform, Keyser said.

"Ivory tower aloofness is getting them (universities) in more and more trouble. They reward those most who teach the least," he said.

Keyser said that community colleges are prepared for the changes that lie ahead. He likened universities to the "blue sky" and secondary and elementary schools to the "deep blue sea."

"(Community Colleges) are standing on firm ground

between the blue sky and the deep blue sea," Keyser said.

One of Keyser's short-term goals is to free up time for Youngren to be Clackamas's point man for educational reform.

Youngren, who spoke next, emphasized his focus on who's doing what and the structures that are needed to help us get where we want to go. He pointed to two specific things Clackamas needs to do.

The first point of emphasis was "to become a part of the bigger picture." Youngren said that

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