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Poetry reading by Derricotte

Toi Derricotte, who recently published her third book, "Captivity," will be reading poems today in the Gregory Forum. Much of her poetry deals with her childhood in a black, middle-class neighborhood in Detroit.

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'Teens and Company' presents positive message

Local area high school students performed "Teens and Company" in the Gregory Forum Jan. 20. The program dealt with issues like teen pregnancy, birth control, drugs and alcohol.

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Opinion

Death penalty is self-defense law for society

Paul Valencia, of The Clackamas Print staff, supports the recent hanging of child killer Westley Allan Dodd. Valencia believes that the hanging was not cruel and unusual punishment and that capital punishment is necessary in some cases.

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Sports

Cougars win games on road

The Cougar men's basketball team is home after winning three out of four on the road. Wins came against Lane, Linn-Benton and Southwestern Oregon Community Colleges. The men host Chemeketa tonight at 8 p.m.

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Four-year colleges represented at Transfer Day

by Tracey Roozenboom
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Transfer Day is coming to Clackamas Community College Friday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Gregory Forum to provide an opportunity to get in touch with four-year colleges.

According to Roberta Donaldson of the Counseling Department, having four-year colleges represented on campus saves students from driving to them.

"Students can pick up applications for schools and find out

about course equivalencies," Donaldson said.

"College representatives will also be able to tell students who to contact for financial aid and scholarship information," she continued.

Aside from that, the representatives can answer questions about block transferring.

A block transfer gives community college students who finish the Oregon Transfer Degree requirements a "junior" standing upon admission to any

Oregon state college such as the University of Oregon, Oregon State University, Portland State University, Western Oregon State, Eastern Oregon State and Southern Oregon State.

Donaldson also said that private colleges do not honor block transfers and that these schools can pick and choose which classes to accept.

The colleges that will participate in Transfer Day include: Bassist, Columbia Christian, Concordia, Eastern Oregon,

George Fox, Linfield, Marylhurst, Oregon Institute of Technology, Oregon School of Arts and Crafts and OSU.

Also, Pacific Northwest College of Art, Pacific University, PSU, Southern Oregon, U of O, U of P, Warner Pacific, Western Baptist, Western Oregon State and Western State Chiropractic will be on hand.

If you would like to know more about this event, contact the Counseling Department or call 657-6958 ext. 2556.

Students, employers make connections



photo by Joy Fisher

Fourteen local companies were represented at the Job Fair on Jan. 2 in the Gregory Forum. The fair gave Clackamas students an opportunity to meet employers and make job connections.

Closure policy has three options

by Jeff Kemp
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Old Man Winter has delivered some harsh weather so far this season, and along with the cold comes school closures.

When there is bad weather, Clackamas has three options it can take. Dean of Instruction Lyle Reese is the person who usually makes the important choice of whether or not the conditions outside his office and/or his home -- depending on the time and his location -- are ones that risk the safety of everyone who comes to the college.

The first decision Reese makes is to determine if the weather seems innocent enough to get to school in. Reese says he tries to make a decision by 5 a.m.

The second option is a two-hour delay, which has already been put to use this year.

"We've had success in the past with this system," Reese said of his school-closing policy.

The third alternative is to close school. This seems to be the preferred choice of the three among the students around campus.

"I love it when school gets closed. That's when the fun really begins," freshman David Palmer commented.

However you look at it, Reese thinks that people should make their own decisions on whether or not to come to school.

"Students have a right to make their own decisions based upon their personal situation," Reese explained.

ASG plans variety of entertainment New Year's party rescheduled

by Frank Jordan
Staff Writer

New Year's Eve has passed for another year, but that will not stop the Associated Student Government from throwing a party

to celebrate that special occasion.

A drug/alcohol-free party for all people age 16 and older will be held this Saturday from 7 to 11 p.m. in the Gregory Forum. The party is being sponsored by the college and put on by ASG.

The original date for the party was this past New Year's Eve, but due to the winter storm that hit the local area that day, the party was canceled. ASG decided that since the arrangements for entertainment had already been made, the party would be rescheduled.

"We hope to have a lot of people show up for this, with all of the planning that went into it," said ASG Promotions Coordinator Felicia Winland. "We promise to have first-class entertainment and hope that students and others come out and enjoy this little break from school."

A raffle is planned for prizes and refreshments will be available. Also, foosball and pingpong tables will be present for those who want something else to do. Music will be provided by DJ Sound Express. The event is free.

Corridor, Flat-Rate tuition explored

Tuition hikes, parking fee considered

by Robert A. Hibberd
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What do the Flat-Rate Tuition Task Force (FRTTF), the Student Access and Development Committee (SADC), President's Council (PC) and the Board of Education (BE) all have in common?

They all regularly spend time theorizing ways to alter student tuition.

"Corridor" and "Flat-Rate" tuition are the two most popular concepts being explored. A single credit will cost \$30 with Corridor or \$29 with Flat-Rate. Currently, a credit hour costs \$28.50.

The substantial rate hikes come when a student attempts to enroll in the 12- to 19-credit-hour range. Sixteen credit hours would cost \$360 with

Corridor or \$464 with Flat-Rate. Currently, 16 credit hours costs \$342.

Dean of Student Services Dian Connett presented a tuition cost comparison to the BE, consisting of CCC, Portland State and Portland Community College.

It showed that students going to PSU pay \$3,424 for a year's tuition, while PCC students pay \$1,380.

A year's tuition at CCC (for a student taking an average of 16 credits) would cost \$1,080 under the Flat-Rate system or \$1,392 with Corridor. Currently, the cost would be \$1,026.

According to a report released by the FRTTF, Flat-Rate will benefit students because they will be paying for credits equally.

Corridor will be good for students because it encourages enrollment and allows for experimentation.

The FRTTF report also says that the Flat-Rate system might impact students receiving financial assistance.

The Corridor system might cause students to take more classes than they can handle.

A student parking fee is also currently being theorized. Also, a larger Add/Drop fine is being conceptualized.

Once the FRTTF has developed a sure enough plan, they will present it to the SADC. The SADC, when satisfied, will present the plan to the PC. The PC is scheduled to bring the finished concept to the BE Feb. 10 at 6 p.m.