

News Clips

The Math Department is having a raffle to raise money for the CCC fountain. The winner receives two tickets to the Valentine's Day (Feb. 14) Blazers vs. L.A. Clippers game. Contact Kurt at ext. 2431 or Barry at ext. 2674 for more information. The drawing is Feb. 10.

Women... want to learn to line dance? The Focus on Women program is offering a line dance night for women - in the Gregory Forum next Thursday evening, Feb. 10, at 6:30 p.m. If you've been to the women's weekend, you know how much fun line dance can be; if you haven't, come and find out! Cost is \$2 at the door.

Glacier Park Inc. is looking for students to fill more than 900 summer jobs in all aspects of hotel and hospitality areas at Glacier National Park in Montana. For details on jobs and salaries, call (602)207-2612 or write Glacier Park, Inc., Dial Tower, Phoenix, Ariz., 85077-0924

The Oregon State Poetry Association is having a contest. For contest rules and categories, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to M.P. Curran, Contest Editor, 5600 SW Lakeview Blvd. Lake Grove, OR 97035 or call (503)635-5694. Deadline is March 27.

For those who missed the book buyback at the end of Fall Term, a "special" buyback is being offered through Friday. Bring your textbooks from previous terms to the bookstore during this time to see if they qualify for buyback.

Twenty Oregon colleges will be on campus Friday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Gregory Forum. Find out what you need to do to make the transfer process work. Deadline, requirements and equivalency questions will be answered by the experts.

Learn the Texas Two Step, various swing dances and the most popular line dances every Wednesday from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Gregory Forum. \$2 per person, per lesson. For more information, contact Robin Robinson at ext. 2589 or Janis Rosenlof at ext. 2211.

Adult and Family Services has a representative on campus every Thursday from 9:45 to 11:45 a.m. in the Family Resource Center, Rm. 112, to answer questions about public assistance, food stamps, medical and day care. All students are welcome.

The Writers' Club Contest deadline has been extended to Feb. 16. For more information, contact Allen Widerburg in S-124 or call ext. 2359.

There will be a Kick-Off '93 Dance on Saturday, from 7 to 11 p.m. in the Gregory Forum. "DJ Sound Express" will provide music entertainment and refreshments will be served.

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Nationally-acclaimed poet visits campus

by Hafidha Acuay Staff Writer

Nationally-acclaimed poet Toi Derricotte will read poems from her third and most recent book, "Captivity," today at noon in the Gregory Forum.

Derricotte was asked to come here by Clackamas English instructor Diane Averill. The reading is "part of an ongoing series to bring good readers to the college," Averill said. She describes Derricotte as a "dynamic" reader.

"She has a powerful writing style," Averill continued. "Captivity" is a largely autobiographical collection of poems about her family and childhood in a black, middle-class neighborhood in Detroit. Her first two books, "Natural Birth" and "Queen of the Death House" dealt with different aspects of her life.

Derricotte, who now teaches at a high school in Washington D.C., writes as and about being a black woman, but fears that other people will disregard her for that reason.

"I want to be read by white



people, and not just white people who are interested in political writing," she said. Derricotte said she believes many kinds of people

will be able to relate to her work.

The reading at the Gregory Forum is free and students and staff are encouraged to attend.

SEED planted to promote cultural insight

by Paul Valencia Staff Writer

The Success through Equity Education and Diversity workshop kicked off its six-week schedule with an introduction session Monday afternoon at Clackamas Community College's Gregory Forum.

"The workshop is designed to promote cultural insights and to develop strategies for supporting managing diversity in the educational setting," a pamphlet for SEED explained.

"It's apparent that what's been done in the past has never worked," said Gayle O'Toole, a project coordinator for the Employee and Management Development at CCC. "If we're not doing something, we're part of the problem."

In all, 29 people from the college staff, local high schools and one industry are participating in the workshop. O'Toole has high hopes for the six sessions.

Each session includes mini-lectures, films and learning activities focused on: enhancing awareness of the needs of and barriers faced by people of different genders, ethnic origins, sexual orientation, age and physical abilities; assisting people in recognizing their own experience with personal bias and stereotyping behaviors; and helping people in building and testing their own behaviors and strategies useful in overcoming social, gender and cultural barriers.

Monday's session introduced participants to the whole concept of the workshop. In weeks to

come, the workshop will focus on cultural/ethnic diversity, gender stereotypes, sexual orientation, differently abled and aging.

"A big piece of the class focuses on taking action," O'Toole said. That's exactly what she hopes participants will do by the end of the six-week program. "Look at your own ... environments and decide what to do differently. Take the new information and do something different," she said.

The name of the program, SEED, is no accident, by the way. "This is a way of planting seeds that will generate other seeds and flowers," O'Toole explained.

Instructors for the SEED program, in addition to O'Toole, are Don Gerel, Dave Miller, Pat Reinert and Connie McFarland.

Drama students present positive message

by Jeff Kemp Staff Writer

A group of local area high school drama students presented "Teens and Company," a program that promotes a positive message about everyday problems that teens face, at the Gregory Forum Jan. 20.

"We try to cover issues that not a lot of people want to deal with," said Raina Beavers, coordinator and drama instructor.

The teens write all of their own scripts for the play. They try to incorporate some good humor into their serious messages, Beavers said.

"It's like our own cherry flavoring to help the medicine go down," joked Torre Sathrum, a sophomore from Barlow High.

The drama group is made up of about 20 students. They were picked out of approximately 80 who participated in local area high school tryouts. Some students, depending upon their high schools' policies, receive credit for the timeless hours they put into the program.

"Sometimes it's kind of hard to catch up in the class, but it's

worth it. This helps me because I'm planning on pursuing a career in this field," Sathrum said.

One of the main reasons for "Teen and Company" is to answer some of the questions people have about the problems that face society today. They include: relationships, teen pregnancy, birth control, drugs and alcohol, sexually-transmitted diseases and dealing with homosexuality.

Often times birth control is too serious an issue for people to joke about, but the group approached the topic in a unique manner.

The group performed their own rendition of "The Wizard of Oz," using such colorful ideas as: Trojan City (City of Oz), the latex (yellow brick) road, lubrication instead of oil for the tin man and the "studly lion" who needs the courage to withhold from premarital sex.

The play answers a lot of questions about HIV and AIDS. It also deals with the important issue of racism.

"I really liked covering the racism issue because of the fact that it is so controversial," com-

mented Paige Berry a Franklin High School senior.

The group also performed a skit dealing with sex discrimination. The performers did some role reversals in which the traditionally-oppressed women acted out the stereotypical male roles. They showed, through this unique viewpoint, how women are often looked at as sex objects by men.

The teens also used some old parental cliches that are often shunned upon by people their own ages, such as: "if your friends jumped off a bridge would you?" and "just because everyone else is doing it, doesn't mean you have to."

The group has developed some more appropriate material for their trips to middle schools and grade schools.

"It's a little more low key," Sathrum explained.

They also visit high schools and small colleges around the local area, although they have traveled as far as the coast and to southwest Washington.

They plan to continue their "moral theater" in the weeks and months to come.

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