

## News Clips

by Hafidha Acuay

Oregon City is proposing a new public library. The old city library is 81 years old and too small to meet the demands of a growing community. Anyone interested in helping to pass the bond issue may contact Janie Burns at 655-1642.

The Oregon Careers Conference takes place Friday and Saturday at Lewis and Clark College, in the Templeton Center. Educators will learn career development strategies, tools, and information; will examine future issues affecting Oregon, such as educational reforms, technological and workplace changes; and will be able to collaborate and network with colleagues. National leaders will be featured, and there are more than a dozen sessions to participate in. The event takes place from 2:30 to 9 p.m. on Friday, and from 8 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. on Saturday. Meals are included. For more information call Jean Conklin at 226-2204.

The LitEruption Book Fair will take place March 6, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and March 7, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Portland Masonic Temple. The fair will feature independent bookstores, regional presses, writers' groups, some of the Northwest's best authors, a children's book fair with storytellers and book designing, panel discussions and readings from playwrights, among other things. Admission is \$3 for adults and children 12 and under are free. For more information call 227-2787.

Margaret Cook, a former employee in the Vocational Options Program, is organizing a 14-day tour of Europe which will take place in July. Cost of the tour is \$1,882, which includes air fare, hotels, meals, tips and sightseeing. The itinerary includes London, Paris, Geneva, Munich and Amsterdam. Interested persons can contact Margaret at 233-0704. Cook was a participant in the 1991 Focus on Women tour of Europe, and is organizing this trip through the same tour company, Cultural Heritage Alliance.

The College recommends that students apply early for 93-94 financial aid. Those who apply early are likely to receive more aid. For answers to specific questions call ext. 2422.

There will be an organizational meeting to help defeat the OCA's proposed City Charter Amendment today at 8:15 p.m. The meeting takes place in the downstairs fellowship room at the First United Methodist Church at 811 Center, Oregon City.

Wellness in the 90's: The "Aweigh We Go" Lighten Up team invites you to a brown bag lecture today featuring Laurie Medearis, a health and fitness instructor representing NIKE. The event runs from noon to 1 p.m. in the Gregory Forum.

## Speech Team prepares for future competitions

by Nicole Turley  
Staff Writer

The Clackamas Forensics Team has been diligently working, writing and memorizing to prepare for upcoming competitions and events this term.

The team recently competed in a tournament at Willamette University, which ran from Jan. 22 through 24. Averal Johnson reached the finals in the informative speaking competition with her speech on epilepsy and she took first place in the persuasive competition with her speech on BB guns.

Next on the agenda for the Cougar speakers is the Whitman College tournament in Walla Walla, Wash. There, all of the members will compete in three different speaking events. Johnson, Joe Ieghuga and Molley Elsassen will give poetry presentations. Extemporaneous speakers, who will be asked to prepare a seven-minute speech in a half-hour, include Kelley Brennan and Patrick Lairson. Nicole Turley and Tiffini Train will perform a duo dramatic interpretation and Ieghuga will perform a solo dramatic interpretation.

A large portion of the team will compete in the impromptu competition, during which participants will receive a quotation and be asked to devise a five-minute speech related to it in two minutes. Impromptu speakers include Ieghuga, Train, Elsassen, Cheron McGuffey, Brennan, Turley and Lairson.

Richard Grooms, who will be performing his after-dinner

speech, will compete along with Johnson in the informative competition. McGuffey and Lairson will compete in the pros event and Turley and Johnson will give their persuasive speeches.

Brennan, Lairson, McGuffey, Elsassen and Train will debate for Clackamas to conclude the tournament.

The Clackamas Forensics Team presented a sampling of the works mentioned above to a Humanities Experience class, Tuesday.

Though the Whitman Tournament just about wraps up the their activities for Winter Term, the speech team members will be back in action Spring Term beginning with a national tournament in Odessa, Texas.



### Blood Drive

The American Red Cross and CCC ASG collected 82 pints of blood during last week's drive. Several Clackamas students and faculty members donated their blood during the event, including 10 first-time donors.

## Laferriere nominated for Practitioner of the Year

by Staci Smith  
Staff Writer

Gail Laferriere, career development specialist, has been nominated for the Practitioner of the Year Award by The Oregon Career Development Association.

Laferriere has worked in the Career Center at Clackamas for the past seven years and for the last two, she has served on the board of The Oregon Career Development Association as the membership chairperson.

"I have to give some credit to CCC, too. It's really exciting to be working somewhere where there is good support for career services," said Laferriere, who is also responsible for organizing the annual Career Market. "This year 92 individuals came to talk to students about their career choices."

Laferriere represented Clackamas at the American Association of Women in Commu-

nity Colleges Leadership Institute and has also had many articles about her in The Oregonian.

"I do anything I can to help people get a better idea of a career that's going to make them happy. I love what I'm doing," Laferriere said smiling.

The criteria for the Practitioner of the Year Award include: a record of successful experience as a direct provider of career and life planning services, organizational and program leadership and National Career Development-related service and activity.

"It makes me feel good that they picked me out of all the people they could've cho-

sen," Laferriere said.

The winner of the award will be announced this spring. Laferriere will be competing with



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Gail Laferriere has worked in the Career Center for seven years. She has been nominated for an award.

49 others, one person from each state.

## 'Portrait of Jennie' depicts life in Great Depression

by Tina McFarland  
Staff Writer

The setting: 1930s during the Great Depression. A young artist who is down on his luck and very depressed meets a young girl in the park. As months go by, the girl ages by years. The young woman becomes the artist's muse, and love ensues.

Robert Nathan's "Portrait of Jennie," a play in three acts by Bettye Knapp, tells of this young artist's life and love. Knapp wrote the play based on Nathan's novel.

According to Director Jack Shields, the 10-member cast made up of four men and six women is a "glorious combo of newcomers and highly-experienced actors and actresses.

"Personally, I think it is a beautiful love story, both charming and poignant. It's not really

designed for children, but there is no offensive subject matter or situations that would give this show a rating other than 'G,'" shields said.

Opening night is March 4. It will run March 4 through 6, and 12 through 14. The final show will be a matinee performance. All other performances start at 8 p.m. Shows will be performed in the "newly-remodeled McLoughlin Hall Theater," Shields said.

General admission tickets cost \$6 for adults, \$3 for students and seniors are admitted for free. For free admission, reservations

must be made ahead of time. According to Shields, all people are encouraged to make reservations by calling 657-6958 ext. 2356. Tickets can be picked up and paid for at the box office.

All drama productions are open to public audition. "At Clackamas Community College, community is our middle name. Many full-time students and people from off-campus participate," Shields said.

The central characters are: Eben Adams, John W. Abbott; Gus, Ian Faulkner; and Jennie, Kristy Crandell. The stage manager is Julie Amato.

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