

## News In Brief

compiled by Vicki Welch

The Clackamas Print is now accepting submissions of short fiction and poetry for publication in a future issue. Bring your submissions to Barlow 104.

The Literacy Council is seeking volunteer tutors to help students with basic reading and/or math skills. No experience is necessary. There is a nine-hour training program provided. Schedules for sessions are arranged by the tutor and student. For more information, call Laurie Blakely at ext. 2591.

The College is hosting a business seminar Dec. 4 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Harmony Center, Room H-107. The workshop will introduce the steps needed to open a business. Instructor Keith Mischke will discuss business licensing, permits, tax requirements, hiring, developing a business plan and identifying your market. The cost is \$25. For more information, call 656-4447.

Clackamas is hosting a holiday craft fair today and Thursday in the Community Center Mall. The times are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. today and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday. Eighteen vendors will display a wide variety of crafts to choose from, including stained glass, wooden furniture and bowls, jewelry, silk flowers, stuffed animals, hand-knit items, ornaments, toys and more.

There will be an International Education Brown Bag talk Thursday. Kay Davis will talk about her visit to Prague, the capital of Czechoslovakia.

Have you ever desired to broaden and enrich your life by making an international friendship? Clackamas International Christian Fellowship would like to help you make an international friendship. CICF club is forming to provide friendship-making skills. For more information, call David Doty at 266-9684.

The Clackamas Community College Foundation has received a \$4,000 contribution from Blount/Oregon Cutting Systems of Portland. The gift will be used to provide state-of-the-art instruction to students in the computer-aided manufacturing program. Blount helped the college's manufacturing department get its first numerically-controlled cutting tool and personal computer to begin training students in CAM. For more information, call ext. 2402.

The Oregon State Police is looking for people interested in 1994 summer work through their Cadet Program and is accepting applications through Dec. 31. The employment time is from mid-June through the first week of September. The starting salary is \$7.83 per hour. If interested, applications may be picked up at any Oregon State Police office.

Low income families and individuals in Clackamas County may begin signing up for gifts of food and toys for the holidays at the Clackamas County public library. Sign up began Nov. 3 and extends through Dec. 10. The Clackamas County Food and Toy Program is coordinated by the Clackamas Holiday Committee.

## New program provides 'two-way conversation' for faculty and students

by Maury Webber  
Staff Writer

It's not often that students and staff are provided a format in which to discuss ideas, concerns or problems in an open and informal manner. But the new College Conversations program offers just such a format to all members of the college community.

The program resulted from an idea by Instructional Services and is now co-sponsored by the Associated Student Government.

The program was an immediate success. At the first meeting on Nov. 15, seven students and five staff, including College President John Keyser, attended.

"It was a small group but then everybody got a chance to talk. It was a great exchange," Keyser said.

Dean of Students Dian Connett, who was also in attendance, agreed. Although it was what she had hoped for, she admitted it wasn't

what she had expected.

"It was a wonderful surprise," Connett said. "It was an informal way for students to touch base with the faculty. It was really student time."

"We had planned for Dr. Keyser to talk for about 20 minutes after everyone had introduced themselves and indicated why they were there, but during the introductions, each student brought up their personal concerns," she continued.

Keyser immediately borrowed some paper and began to take notes, Connett added.

Topics included public safety on campus, the revised complaint process and new registration procedures.

"In the end, 45 minutes had past before we got to Dr. Keyser," Connett said.

As a result of the first meeting, Connett's secretary and program coordinator, Becky Carnahan, has planned other meetings to dis-

cuss specific topics.

"At our next meeting, we're going to focus on registration. Future topics will probably include possible tuition increases, annual registration and the club council," Carnahan said.

"We want this to be a casual and informal meeting," Carnahan added, noting that talking with an instructor or even a college president can be very intimidating.

"This is a two-way conversation," she emphasized.

The next meeting is at noon today in CC-127 with staff members from the registration and counseling departments planning to attend. Anybody interested in getting more information on upcoming meetings should contact Carnahan at ext. 2205.

"I hope this will continue because it's great for the faculty as well as the students," Keyser said. "We need to keep talking about concerns and perceived problems and how to solve them."

## New speech class offered Winter Term

by Cathryn Belleau  
Staff Writer

In an effort to increase intercultural communication, a new class that teaches the concept of communicating with people of different backgrounds is now being offered at Clackamas.

Speech 115, Introduction to Intercultural Communication, is a class with a team approach being taught by two instructors, Molly Williams and Ellen Wolfson. The enrollment is 25 students, half of which are international students and the other half are American students. There are no prerequisites for the class.

Williams has been teaching at Clackamas since 1979 and is currently the coordinator of English as a second language and the Learning Center. She got her masters degree in ESL at Portland State University and also taught Introduction to Intercultural Communication there for five terms.

Wolfson is the International Student Adviser at Clackamas and has been employed here for 13 years. She got her degree in social work from San Diego State and PSU.

The class teaches cultural differences between people from various parts of the world along with people from different areas of the United States. One thing this class stresses is the realization of your own life and surroundings.

"The key to intercommunication is to understand your culture first," Williams said.

The students learn behaviors that are typical to their own culture so they can better understand the differences in the other cultures. By doing this they can better communicate with other cultures.

The students do a "Cul-

tural Simulation" where two people from different cultures interact and learn more about the other culture. This is to help relieve "culture shock." During this course, students will have to keep a journal, they will be given a midterm and will have a final paper to write in which they will have to contrast the cultural values of others to their own. They will also have to discuss what would happen if the values clashed.

"This course gives the students an increased awareness of their culture, an awareness of value

differences, an increased sensitivity toward and an appreciation of cultural differences, along with the ability to better deal with the intercultural misunderstandings," Williams said. "It's a chance to get to know people from different cultures."

Wolfson said that this course "raises the awareness of how we see ourselves. Also it enables us to understand that we live in a world that incorporates different cultures and to learn to place value on diversity."

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