

News In Brief

Compiled By Vicki Welch

Petitions for Graduation are now being accepted at the Registrar's Office for students planning to complete their program of study at the end of Fall, Winter or Spring Term. Students will be given priority registration their final term if petition is on file. A petition must be filed to indicate a student's desire to have a completed certificate or degree posted to their transcript. Information regarding the graduation ceremony will be sent to during Spring Term. The ceremony will be held June 10, 1994.

Sign up for voice class today. Meetings are Monday and Wednesday from 10 to 11 a.m. Improve your skills or start from scratch. For more information, call the Music Department at extension 2434 or LeaAnne DenBeste at ext. 2586.

The student activities office in the community center building has a "**Housing Notebook**" available at their counter with current local housing/apartment information. In addition, there is a bulletin board located outside the office where students can post their housing needs.

Join the **Writers' Club** every Wednesday from 1 to 2 p.m. in B-112 and every Friday from 5:15 to 6:30 p.m. at Oregon City Subbs, Main Street, Oregon City. For more information, contact Robin at ext. 2247.

If you have books to sell or you still need to purchase books for Winter Term, stop by the Student Activities office and ask for information on the **ASG bookmart**. They may be able to help you.

Ski classes will be open until Jan. 19 for those who would like to participate. It's a unique off-campus class that equals P.E. credit. Ski Bowl classes are Thursdays from 6 to 10 p.m. Cost is \$90 for lift and lesson.

Mt. Hood Meadows has now added snowboarding to go along with alpine and cross country skiing. Classes on Fridays are from 3 to 5 p.m.; \$150. Sunday's classes are \$160, except for cross country which is \$85. Lessons are from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Timberline's classes are Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m., and include a ski instructor for \$147.

Ski Bowl is offering lessons for alpine skiing and snowboarding from 6 to 8 p.m. beginning Jan. 13, with the lift ticket being good from 4:30 to 10 p.m. with a cost of \$90. For more information, call Nancy Mikleton at ext. 2450.

During the winter months, you will find the **Fountain Espresso Cart** in the Community Center mall. The espresso cart will move outdoors again in the Spring. Hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Fridays.

Gloria Oman and Laura Hayden, residents of Oregon City and graduates of the College's **Life and Career Options Program**, will discuss how the program shaped their careers and lives at presentations given at Carpenter's Hall, 276 Warner-Milne Road, in Oregon City, from noon to 1:15 p.m. Gloria Oman will speak to the Oregon City Rotary on Wednesday and Laura Hayden will speak to the Oregon City Chamber of Commerce.

Rust: Newest member at FRC

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Besides Rust's educational background -- master's degree in early childhood education from Western Oregon State College and a bachelor's degree in elementary education from the University of Utah -- she also has plenty of experience. While working for several years in the field, she is also a mother of five with children ranging from 9 to 25 years old.

"Raising five children and life experience has taught me as much as my graduate school," she said. "I'm a firm believer in

life experience.

"I'm in the process myself of balancing work and family," Rust continued. She returned to graduate school to obtain her masters degree when her youngest of five was 2 years old.

"It is hard work being a parent and there is really no formal education," Rust said. She wants to let young parents know that she is there to help give support.

Some of Rust and the FRC plans for the future are to

bring in additional programs to work with the family, including the fathers and grandparents. Rust would also like to set up a family day once a month for young parents and their children to get together with other families.

"Instead of working with the individual we would like to work with the family as a whole," Rust replied.

"I love what I do. I could not have a better job. I value what I do. It is nice to know you feel you can make a difference," Rust concluded.

Refinancing saves taxpayers

Clackamas Community College has refinanced a portion of its \$9.5 million bonded debt in order to take advantage of lower interest rates, saving taxpayers money.

The bonds were approved by district voters in 1989 to help fund construction of a Learning Resource Center and the Oregon Advanced Technology Center in Wilsonville.

Gary Dirrim, Dean of College Services, anticipates a cumulative savings of \$403,400 over

the life of the 20-year bonds.

The savings were achieved by refinancing \$7.3 million of the original bond issue, which had an average interest rate of 6.7 percent. The proceeds of new bonds are issued at an average interest rate of 5.2 percent.

Dirrim said it was difficult to estimate the impact of the bond refinancing on individual tax rates, but he anticipated that future rates should fall approximately one-half to one cent below the original estimate of 9 cents per

\$1,000 of assessed property value.

"If a student is a taxpayer then it will cost them less in property taxes because bond market interest rates have dropped," Dirrim said.

"This won't impact college operations."

The current rate paid by taxpayers on Clackamas' general obligation bond is 8.4 cents per \$1,000 assessed value.

All bonds will be retired in 2009.

Grisham's 'Pelican Brief' now a new movie

■ The latest major motion picture based on the author's bestselling novel is reviewed

by Michele Myers
Staff Writer

"The Pelican Brief," starring Denzel Washington and Julia Roberts, is an adaptation of John Grisham's book of the same name.

Aspiring Tulane law student, Darby Shaw, (Roberts) uncovers an "unlikely little theory" on who assassinated two Supreme Court Justices. The theory becomes known as 'The Pelican Brief.'

While far-fetched, the di-

rector did a good job of just glossing over the reason as to why Shaw would want to investigate the killings and why the FBI and CIA couldn't solve the case.

By a string of unlikelihs, Shaw's "brief" finds its way into the White House and the hands of the bad guys. Of course, in D.C., there's little difference. The bad guys now want Shaw dead and the Pelican Brief quieted.

Gray Grantham, (Washington) a Washington Herald reporter, is alerted by Shaw after her boyfriend/professor and an FBI agent are killed. Together they do some far-fetched detective work while dodging the killers and car bombs, to get the confirmation they needed to bring down the money-hungry bad guys and the White House.

"The Pelican Brief" follows Grisham's book much more closely than his other movie, "The

Firm." Those who were disappointed by the way-out-there ending in the movie version of "The Firm" will find comfort with knowing that only a few facts and happenings are twisted Hollywood style in "The Pelican Brief."

Roberts does some of her best work here as Shaw, refreshing after so many mediocre roles.

Washington definitely stole the show as he portrayed an even more dynamic role than was written in Grisham's novel version.

He is strong, cool and much more attractive than the book made him out to be and this adds to the Hollywood style variation at the ending.

"The Pelican Brief" -- a good flick. Two thumbs up if you haven't read the book yet. One and a half thumbs up if you have.

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