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AT A GLANCE

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✓For fun, exercise and a relaxed atmosphere, come join **Line Dancing for Women**. All experience levels, from beginner to expert, are welcome. Cost is \$3 per class. Register at door - Randall Gym, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Oct. 24.

✓The CCC art faculty will exhibit some of their art in the Pauling Gallery through Oct. 24. Gallery hours are 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday.

✓**Chrysalis**, a women's writing group, is looking for interested writers. The group is open to female students and staff of any experience level. For more info., call Kate Gray at ext. 2371.

✓The Clackamas Community College Foundation is sponsoring a half-day **Estate Planning Seminar** on Oct. 21, from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Gregory Forum. For more information or to register, call ext. 2402.

✓The band **ChanneLight** is performing a special community concert/dance, with a variety of music suitable for everyone from children to adults to seniors. The event will be Oct. 21 at 7 p.m. in the Gregory Forum. Cost is \$5 for families, \$2.50 for individuals. For more information, call ext. 2457.

✓Participate in a **guided hiking tour** which will include watching salmon return to their spawning areas in Ox-bow Park. The hike, sponsored by Focus on Women, costs \$5. Hikers should bring a sack lunch and wear appropriate hiking gear. For more information, call ext. 2268.

✓A **free, one-hour resume workshop** will be held in CC152 on Oct. 25, from 2 to 3 p.m. The workshop is open to the public. For more information or to register, call ext. 2409.

✓A **Student Depression Education Group** begins today. The class will run for four weeks and will be in M226, from 3 to 4 p.m. For more information, contact Ellen Wolfson at ext. 2550.

✓Come visit representatives from **Western Oregon State College** today in the Community Center, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. **Oregon State University** representatives will be at the same location, at the same time, on Oct. 24. OSU will hold a group session the same day in CC126 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

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ELC renews lease with college

✓ CCC accepts a new three-year lease for the Environmental Learning Center

by Chad Patteson
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Validation of a new three-year lease between the Environmental Learning Center and Clackamas Community College proves that the ELC is back on track and better than ever.

Past management mishaps resulted in the termination of the

ELC's lease last winter. A new staff of community volunteers joined together and rescued the center from near failure. A new board was formed and a lease committee was chosen from the Board members. Members of the lease committee include Jack Hipp, Steve Baker, Sandy Fox, Randy Bradbury and Chuck Scott.

The lease was unanimously approved at the Oct. 13 ELC Board of Director's meeting.

"Once things started to turn around, Randy and I met with Dr. Keyser, Chuck and Gary Dirrim from the business office, and Roger Rook from the College

Board to start the early negotiations for a new lease. They were, for the most part, part friendly, positive and encouraging," Former ELC Interim Manager Sandy Fox told the board.

"This is something we've been looking forward to for a long time," stated ELC Board President Randy Bradbury.

Bradbury also noted that the new lease is totally reorganized, with a whole new operating plan, not just an update of the old lease.

"The lease is a strategic alliance between the college and the ELC," said Assistant Dean of Instruction and College Liaison to

the ELC Chuck Scott.

"I'm excited about the stronger relationship with the community and the College," ELC Interim Executive Director Leslie Winnop-Rapacki.

"The ELC is extremely grateful to the President and Board of Directors of the College for the strong and consistent support it has received in its effort to provide this community with environmental education programs," said Alan Young, newly elected ELC Board member. "Together we formed an alliance that will be a great benefit to this community for many years to come."

College moves through accreditation process

by Anjanette Booth
News Editor

The Commission on Colleges of the Northwest Association of Schools will be coming in April of 1996 to review Clackamas for re-accreditation.

Accreditation is a process that all educational institutions go through to prove performance, integrity and quality, which entitles them to the confidence of the educational community and the public.

"The federal government looks at accreditation as the major protection students have against fraud," said Dian Connet, Clackamas's commission liaison officer.

If a college is accredited, it is able to receive federal financial aid and students are able to transfer their credits to other colleges with no major logistical problems.

The commission gives accreditation if the institution's goals are soundly conceived, its educational programs have been intelligently devised, its purposes are being accomplished, and the institution is so organized, staffed and supported that it should continue to merit confidence.

"Accreditation is the quality insurance measure for colleges," Connet said.

Although the CCC visit by the commission is not until April of 1996, Connet and a large number of the faculty began preparing for the visit last spring. They set up accreditation committees to disperse information about the accreditation process around campus.

Before the commission is able to review the college, the college has to review itself in an extensive self-study. This study must be completed by fall of 1995. It will then be edited, published and mailed to the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges

by Winter of 1996.

Three weeks ago, during inservice week, staff members broke up into groups to work on defining the standards that must be met in the self-study. These standards, given by the commission in the accreditation handbook, describe conditions and principles which characterize educational effectiveness. There are 11 standards covering the whole campus that must be met.

Standards must be accomplished in all departments on campus, including finance, library and information resources, and instructional staff. All department faculties must write a part about themselves. The Clackamas Accreditation Committee set a goal of 100 per cent

participation to get every single person involved some way in this self-study.

Clackamas was last accredited in 1986. Standards for accreditation have changed drastically since then; it has become much more difficult. Accreditation used to be seen by education institutions as an almost automatic process. However, now standards concentrate on outcomes of goals. Institutions have to record their intended outcomes of goals, how they measured those outcomes and how they are getting better.

"We decided that we are going to take it real seriously and do it right, and we are going to show them that we are doing it right," Connet said of the upcoming

ing accreditation.

According to Connet, Clackamas has no real concerns about not being re-accredited. The concern is being accredited for the maximum of 10 years. With new standard policies many educational institutions are only being accredited for two years at a time, or they are being closed. Trend college is an example of an institution that has been closed recently for not meeting accreditation standards.

Not only staff members are involved in the accreditation process. ASG members are working with the staff on standard 9, cocurricular activities.

Connet would also like to see other students help with the process.

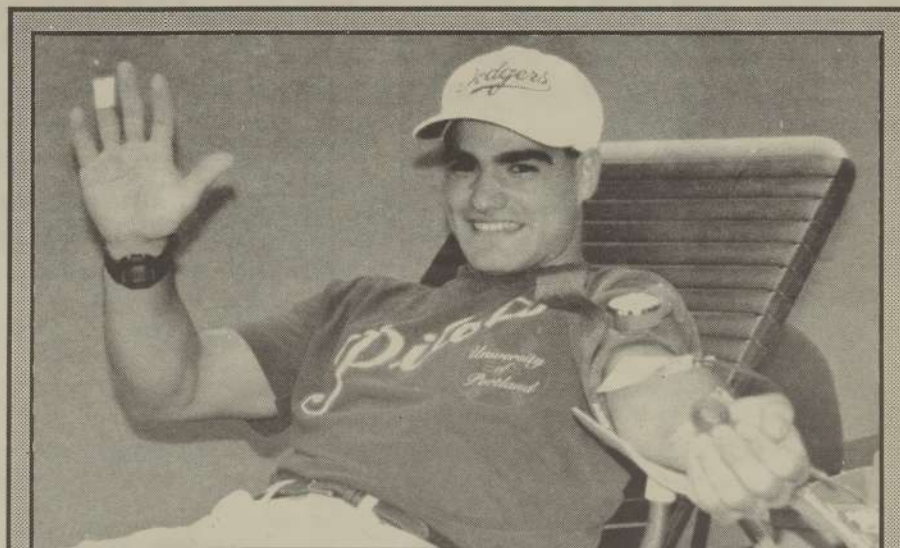


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ASG exceeds goals for blood drive

Eighty-eight pints of blood were donated last Wednesday at the ASG-sponsored blood drive, which surpassed the goal of 80 pints. According to Carrie Blake, senator in charge of the blood drive, 107 people of the 175 who signed up, actually turned out to donate blood. Many of those 107 were people who just "dropped in," Blake said. For those who did not donate blood at the Oct. 12 blood drive, don't worry. Blake said the next blood drive is tentatively scheduled for Feb. 14, 1995.