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Copy Editor
- ✓ Writers' Club meetings are the first and third Friday of every month. Bring your lunch to B112 and share your work with other writers. For more information, call Diane Averill at ext. 2370.
- ✓ The ELC will be hosting a 10-week course on **Loom Beading and Learning to Make a Loom**. The class began Jan. 6. For more information, or to register, call ext. 2351.
- ✓ **Chrysalis**, a women's writing group, is looking for interested writers. The group is open to female students and staff of any experience level. Meetings are from noon to 1 p.m., Wednesdays, in P102. For more information, call Kate Gray at ext. 2371.
- ✓ Slots are still open for the **European Trip for Women**. Tour coordinators are faculty members Ellen Wolfson, Carol Evans and Linda Vogt. For more information or to register, call Wolfson at ext. 2550 or Evans at ext. 2444.
- ✓ Make sure to check out the classes offered by CCC at North Clackamas Aquatic Park: **Beginning Swimming, Aquatic Exercise, Aquatic Fitness and Lifeguard Training**. For more information, call ext. 2291.
- ✓ GALAB meetings are every Friday, from noon to 1 p.m., in B238. For more information, call Kate Gray at ext. 2371.
- ✓ The **Polar Bear 5000 Meter Run and 2-Mile Fun Walk/Run** will be on the pavement of the campus roads. The run will begin at 11:30 a.m., Jan. 22, with check-in and registration in the lower level of Randall Hall. For more information, call the Community Recreation Dept.
- ✓ **Country Line Dancing for Women** will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Jan. 23 and 30, in the Gregory Forum. All experience levels are welcome. Register at door, \$3 fee.
- ✓ Learn about the wonders of the Northwest winter skies at the ELC's **astronomy class**. Participants will use various instruments and survey a number of stellar phenomena. The class will be from 7 to 10 p.m., every Monday from Jan. 23 to Feb. 6, at the Haggart Memorial Observatory. Cost is \$45. For more information, or to register, call ext. 2351.
- ✓ Disney is searching nationwide for **collegiate singers and musicians** to participate in the Disney Entertainment Work Experience Program during the 1995 summer season. Performers will receive salary, housing, daily career workshops with top performing artists and college credit. Deadline is Feb. 12. For more information, call (407)345-5701 or (714)490-7327.

Community college enrollment declines

by Anjanette Booth
News Editor

CCC students can be expecting a tuition increase starting in the 1995-96 school year, due to the 6 percent drop in full-time equivalent enrollment this year.

This drop in enrollment has led to an approximate loss in tuition revenue of \$300,000. According to a memo put out by the President's Council, CCC is not the only community college experiencing this downturn. Some 13 out of the 16 community colleges in Oregon are also showing a decrease in enrollment.

This may be due to the rapidly improving Oregon economy. In the past, there has been a direct relationship between a rise in the economy and a downturn in enrollment.

Due to the loss in tuition revenue across Oregon, a state-initiated effort is being made to narrow the differences in funding among the 16 community colleges.

Clackamas, being better funded in the past than most of the colleges, will most likely have 75 percent of its revenues (a combined total of state and property tax fund) frozen for a four-year period. CCC will not benefit as much as some community colleges with Governor John

Kitzhaber's new budget, because of this statewide "equalization" effort.

For the past several months, an Increasing Full-Time Equivalent Task Force has been reviewing ideas that would make CCC more attractive to students. Liz Goulard, Dian Connet and Gary Dirrim co-chair this committee.

One recommendation of the increasing FTE Task Force is to enhance the Feb. 23 Skills Contest. The college will be hosting 1600 potential future students from surrounding high schools. In the fall of 1994, the number of local high school graduates coming to the college dropped by 9 percent.

So, what does all this mean for Clackamas. It means that within the next three years, the college needs to improve its bottom line by \$350,000-\$400,000 a year.

A memo, put out by the Office of Community Relations, says that the Budget Committee projects a balanced budget 1995-96, but predicts negative figures in 1996-97 and 1997-98. This may cause a \$2 per credit increase in tuition for 1995-96.

The task force is also asking for recommendations on how to improve the bottom line.



Lyle Reese Photo by Corky Kirkpatrick

Reese retires, begins endowment

by Christi Snavelly
Opinion Editor

When I'm asked to explain why I enjoy Clackamas Community College, my answer is often linked to the influence the faculty has on the college. When instructors and staff are eager to make the environment stimulating, the rest seems to fall into place.

I have been given the great opportunity of writing about a man who has influenced many in just that way.

Lyle Reese retired this last November from his 25-year career at CCC. Over those years, he served in different capacities

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Ferris, Shields named associate deans

by Jocelyn Gauthier
Feature Editor

Jack Shields and Glenn Ferris, both long-time faculty members, have recently been named associate deans by the college.

Shields, of Arch Cape, is the new associate dean of instructional services for arts, humanities and social science. He has a bachelor of science degree in speech/theater and a Master of Science degree in teaching from Portland State University.

He began teaching speech and theater here in 1972, and served as Department Chair of Communications/Theater Arts from 1978-1994. From Aug. 1993-Nov. 1994, he was the coordinating department chair of arts, humanities and social science.

"The most important thing we do on this campus is teach, and I'm here to be of service to that function," Shields said. He's been teaching for 27 years and said that, "although the joys have been many, the downside made me

to make this shift. My last career lasted 27 years, so I kind of doubt that this will, although I have no plans for shuffling off!" he said.

Shields is a professional actor with 121 plays, 21 musicals, seven television performances and one film, "Reunion," to his credit. He was formerly a professional theatre director, as well as a department chair and theatre director at Clackamas High School from 1966-1972.

Shields represents CCC among the Community College Humanities Administrators, Clackamas County Arts Action Alliance, Clackamas County Curriculum Integration Committee and the Portland Area Colleges Course Development Consortium.

Ferris, of Newberg, is the new associate dean of instructional services for industrial, health, physical education, athletics and community recreation.

He has a bachelor of science degree in political science and a master of education degree in education and psychology from Or-

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"I believe my job is to be of service and support to the six departments that are in this division, in the areas of budgeting, scheduling, personnel and general well-being," Shields said of his new position.

grumpy at times. This opportunity came at a very good time for me.

"I'm really excited about this. It's essentially a new career in a field in which I have devoted my life. I'm pleased it was possible

regon State University. He began working at CCC in 1978 as an instructor of cooperative work experience, parts merchandising and English as a second language. From 1983-94, he served as a department chair/instructor in the Industrial Division.

From 1992 until the present, he also served as the coordinating department chair for the Industrial Division and related areas.

Before joining the CCC staff, Ferris was a business manager in private enterprise, an instructor at Portland Community College, a high school principal, a basketball coach and an instructor of social science and math.

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