

Service to Community Pilot Project begins at Clackamas

by Tina Guinn
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As a means of meeting one of the chief goals of ASG this year, and to help extend the financial aid program, a few students and staff members have established a program called Service to Community Pilot Project.

In the winter of 1993, Rachel Austen (current ASG vice president), Amy Lundy (current ASG president, who was co-volunteer coordinator with Austen at the time), Mindy Brown, director of the high school relations program; Frank Elardo, Foundation board member; David Dickson, assistant to the president for college advancement and Norm

Berney, ASG advisor traveled to Central Oregon Community College (COCC) to investigate the Service to Community Internship program COCC had begun. The project was successful for COCC, so the representatives from Clackamas decided to implement the same program here.

"The volunteer program at COCC was successful and we thought it would be a good way to extend the opportunities at CCC," Austen said.

This year, there are five interns as part of the pilot program, which is being funded by the Ruth Allen Endowment in the CCC Foundation. Austen said that if the program continues on and is successful, they will seek businesses to fund the program who share the same sort of college community vision that CCC does.

"It is not the college's goal

this year to 'bridge the gap,' that was their goal last year. But it is one of ASG's goals this year, so it all fits in together," Austen said.

The interns for this year went through an extensive application process last spring. The interns' duties include giving 75 hours of community service per term, as well as reporting back to the other interns at the group meetings what their projects are and how their time is going. With the successful completion of the 75

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hours, the interns will receive \$500, totalling \$1,500 for the year.

The five interns are Guy Crooks, ASG volunteer coordinator, who works as a math and English tutor for boys at the Parrot Creek Ranch, a non-profit organization that provides counseling and education for violent or troubled young men.

Jason Carnahan is another intern who volunteers his time at a similar program at Son Village in Welches. Carnahan attends drug and alcohol rehabilitation meetings with residents at Son Village, as well as participating in weekly staff meetings.

Elementary education major Tammy Reynolds works at Head Start, a preschool for low-income families. Her duties include helping the children in learning skills such as working puzzles, count-

ing games and others. Reynolds must overcome language barriers with Spanish-speaking children who attend the preschool.

Andy Brewster, who had worked as a volunteer in the school system, chose for his community service site Candy Cane Lane Elementary School. He provides a role model for fifth and sixth grade students who have had negative influences in their lives. Brewster tutors the students and directs educational plays that will

be performed for assemblies, parents and even for other schools.

Austen is also an intern, however, her service is unique. She devotes her time to helping Brown with the coordina-

tion of the program.

Austen acts as a public relations specialist for the project, drumming up support for the pilot program.

"I've benefitted indirectly in a lot of ways. It is really inspiring to hear stories from the other interns. With Mindy (Brown) I've visited all four sites and seen people being impacted.

"It excites me when I can see what other people are doing, but somebody has to be back here to promote the program so that it can succeed," Austen said.

Austen encourages people to get involved in the program. "It's so beneficial to your education -- in just preparing you for life in general. You learn things in the community that you can't learn in the classroom. You can take something from a textbook, but it's just not the same," she said.



Photo by Chad Patteson

The ELC's new solar house provides a simple look at how solar energy is generated.

New solar house displayed at ELC

by Donny Kemp
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What do solar energy, hot water and energy reduction have in common? They are all part of the new solar house display at the Environmental Learning Center.

The solar house, the ELC's newest display, is a model of the solar technology that is being currently used in homes as an alternative method of heating water. The working model house includes a full-size solar panel, a hot water heater and a working sink that gives visitors a true demonstration of the solar process.

The solar heating process uses no electrical pumps and no outside energy source. "It is a great way to reduce energy costs," said Jeff Kechter, the ELC's recycling coordinator.

But the solar house isn't the only change that is planned for the Environmental Learning Center. The display marks the beginning of a new approach for the ELC. "We plan to completely remodel the re-

cycling center," Kechter said.

The proposed remodeling includes expanding the recycling depot, landscaping the entire area, embellishing existing displays and installing a number of new displays on alternative technology. The new displays, like the solar house, will be designed to demonstrate to the public that there are many ways to protect the environment, and save money at the same time.

The entire remodeling project is designed to increase public awareness of the recycling center. It is also designed to link the recycling center with the nature reserve, so the public will come to think of the ELC as a single entity, instead of two separate areas.

Kechter has high hopes for the remodeling project. He expressed these hopes when he said, "Last year, there were a lot of problems in the world. This year is the year to turn everything around and get it right. Hopefully, we'll be a part of it."

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