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AT A GLANCE

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✓ **Spring Term registration** is here. Registration for returning students with appointments started March 6. New students with appointments can start registering Monday. Open registration starts March 15. Registration will be held until April 1. For more information, call ext. 2254.

✓ **Petitions for graduation** are now being accepted at the Registrar's office and the Help Center. The graduation ceremony will be June 9. Information on the ceremony will be sent out during Spring Term. For more information, call ext. 2254.

✓ The bookstore will resume **book buy-backs** during finals week, starting Monday. For more information, call ext. 2248.

✓ **The North American Open Poetry Contest** will be awarding a total of \$24,000 in prizes to more than 250 poets. The contest is open to everyone. The deadline is March 31. For more information, call Pamela Roberts at (410) 356-2000.

✓ **Award-winning author Diana Abu-Jaber** will be presenting a fiction reading and discussion, sponsored by the CCC English Department and Focus on Women. Come hear her share at 4 p.m., tomorrow, in Pauling 101.

✓ Help raise money for ASG Child Care Scholarships - get yourself some **BBQ Ribs**. From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., today, at the Community Center, buy a small meal (one rib) for \$2.75 or a large meal (two ribs) for \$3.75. Meals will include baked beans, coleslaw, dinner roll, ribs and more.

✓ **The Book Mart** will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., March 13 to 17, 27 to 31, and April 3 to 5, in the Community Center. For more information, call ext. 2247.

✓ Come listen to the talented musical group "**Motherlode**" perform at 12:30 p.m., tomorrow, in the Skylight Dining Room. Everyone is invited to attend this concert of original music.

✓ Music by Verdi, Kabalevsky and Beethoven will be featured at a performance of the **Willamette Falls Symphony**. The performance is sponsored by Oregon City Community Schools, with grant support from the Metropolitan Arts Commission. Come be exposed to culture at 2 p.m., Sunday, in the Barclay Auditorium, 817 12th St. in Oregon City. Adults are \$5, seniors are \$3, students are \$2. Season tickets are \$12.

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Students, politicians lobby for grant

by Viet Nguyen
ASG Legislative Director

On Feb. 23, more than 300 students from all four public universities and 16 community colleges in Oregon gathered in Salem to voice their opinions regarding the distribution of the Oregon Need Grant and the community college base budget.

The morning began at Mission Mills Museum where Rob Nosse, Oregon Student Lobby (OSL) executive director, OSL Legislative Director Jane Lesser and Dia Leavenworth from the Community Colleges of Oregon Student Associations and Commissions (CCOSAC), gave presentations to students on "How To" present yourself when meeting with legislators.

At 1:30 p.m., students and supporters gathered on the steps of the state Capitol for a kick-off rally to let legislators know the students were there and wanted to be heard.

Ed Dennis, OSL field director, was the master of ceremonies for the afternoon. The list of speakers for the rally included Sen. Lenn Hannon, (R)-Ashland, Rep. Cynthia Wooten, (D)-Eugene, April Waddy, Oregon State University associated president and Jason Rackley, Lane Community College associated student president.

Sen. Hannon and Rep. Wooten encouraged the students and gave short speeches on how

much they agreed with OSL and CCOSAC's plans to equalize the Need Grant. They assured the students that they were influencing their fellow legislators to do the same. Waddy spoke on the power of the student voice. If students make the time to talk with legislators, they will be listened to.

Rackley humored the crowd, ending his speech chanting, "2, 4, 6, 8. WE WILL NEVER GRADUATE," meaning, if we don't get the money distributed equally, students won't be able to attend school, which adds up to no degree.

At 2 p.m., it was time to meet with legislators. ASG Senators Jennifer Butler, Mike Caudle, Cheryl Corrie, Guy Crooks, Ben Rickard and Shane Riedman and myself represented Clackamas Community College in Salem. We met with Senator Bill Kennemer, (R)-Milwaukie, Representatives Jerry Grisham, (R), Lynn Snodgrass, (R) and Ron



Photo contributed by Viet Nguyen
ASG Legislative Director Viet Nguyen traveled to Salem to rally for reversal of the Oregon Need Grant decision.

Adams, (R). All the legislators we met with were undecided on need grant issues.

We didn't expect any of our legislators to give us a "yes" or "no" answer. The purpose of the trip was to inform them of House Bill 5030, which is what the Oregon Need Grant falls under. Hopefully, lawmakers were made more aware, due to the voice of students at the state capitol.

What's upcoming? OSL and CCOSAC will have representatives going to Washington D.C. March 17 to fight at the federal level. Also on March 17, U.S. Rep. Ron Wyden, (D)-Oregon will be talking with OSL and

CCOSAC. As far as what will happen with the Oregon Need Grant, Leavenworth, Lesser and Nosse will go to the house floor and lobby to get a budget note, rather than a law. The reason for the budget note is because the issue can be passed easier, and once changed, no legislator will be able to change the note. This lobby will not occur until the State Scholarship Commission gets their appointment to speak on the house floor in mid-March.

If you would like more information or want to get involved, please stop by the Student Government Office (CC140) or call me (Viet Nguyen) at ext. 2247.

Students to be honored for academics

by Anjanette Booth
News Editor

Oregon Community Colleges Student Scholars All-State Team Recognition is to be given to CCC students Bridget Kinsey and Kevin Haines at the governor's luncheon tomorrow.

Two honor students from each of the state's 16 community colleges are selected to receive this award each year.

Student scholars are also candidates for the All-USA Academic Team

for community and junior colleges. The team is sponsored by Phi Theta Kappa, the American Association of Colleges and USA Today.

Kinsey, a 3.9 GPA student, is

an active member of Phi Theta Kappa, an honors student and a tutor in sociology. Her plans for the future include attending Lewis and Clark College or Portland State University, with the goal of teaching sociology with an emphasis on justice and social inquiry.

Kinsey was nominated for the All-USA Academic team by CCC English Instructor Kate Gray.

"From my experience as advisor of Phi Theta Kappa, with her serving as vice-president, I recognize in Bridget an innate curiosity, a commitment to the rigorous pursuit of learning and a compassion toward others that informs her actions. She has in-

tegrity, empathy and intellect. These qualities are those of a real scholar," Gray said, according to the CCC News Bulletin.

Haines, a 3.74 GPA student, received CCC's top financial award, the James Streeter Memorial Scholarship. Haines also works as a peer tutor in chemistry, mathematics and political science.

A doctoral degree in political theory is in Haine's future plans. Working on the Nez Perce and Umatilla Indian Reservation and membership on the Civil Rights Committee of Portland's Metropolitan Human Rights Commission are just two activities included in Haines extensive

community service record.

Haines was nominated for the All-USA Academic Team by Dean Darris, CCC political science instructor.

"In my five-plus years of teaching, I have never encountered a person with a sharper mind or more sincere heart than Kevin. His analytic skills are matched only by his desire to do well for others," Darris said, according to the CCC News Bulletin. Student scholars around the nation, including Kinsey and Haines, will be competing for cash awards, national press recognition and attendance at an annual convention in Minneapolis.

