Did you know?

Seven cars stolen in one week on CCC campus

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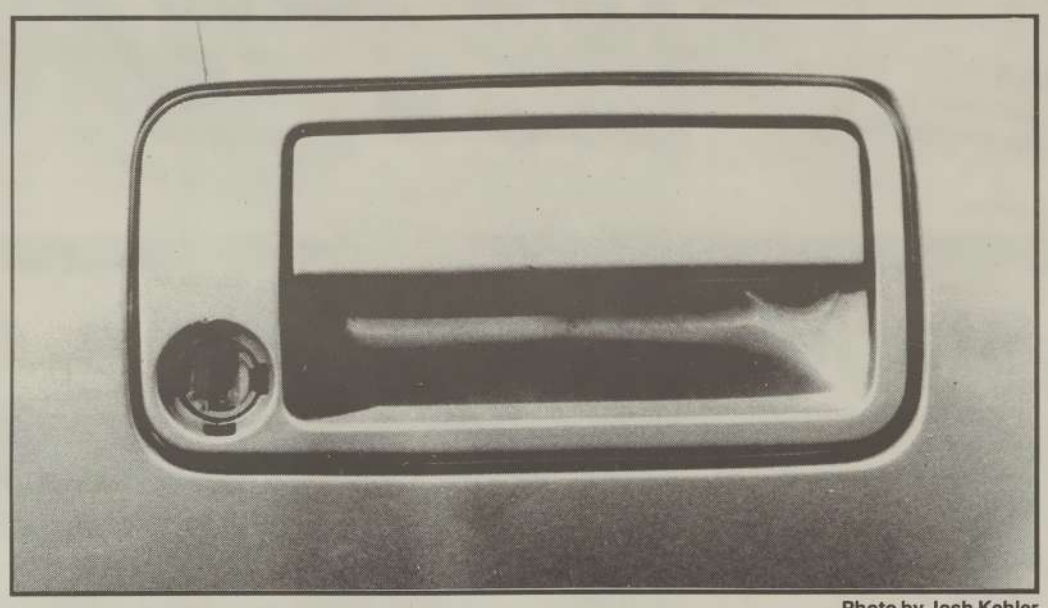
After a long day of hard work and studying, you walk out to the parking lot, exhausted and eager to just go home and relax. Gazing out into the parking lot, you can't seem to place your car. In the practically deserted parking lot, your car is no where to be seen...it's been stolen!

This nightmare was reality for a CCC student Chris Powell. On the evening of Feb. 10, he came to an empty parking space. After tracking down a public safety officer, he was reluctantly told that his car was the seventh car stolen that week. After hearing this, Chris, as well as many, other students were appalled. Why wasn't the student body rightfully informed of the string of thefts going on right under our noses?

"They made me feel like they were hiding the fact that there was such a big problem with car theft," Powell said. Fortunately, his car was found with the thief inside. After taking him into custody, he was soon released. There was no questioning of where the thief put all of the stolen stereo equipment. The innocent victim was left with more than $1200 in losses and damages for him to pay himself.



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Are Public Safety and the administration doing all they can to prevent auto theft on campus?

Public Safety is here to try their best to protect and insure the safety of the students, and according to Powell, that's what they've been trying to do. Patrolling is one way, but informing is also a defense to crime.

The administration should make a bigger effort to make the truth about theft and crime known, even if it means posting huge, fluorescent signs with warnings of the theft problem.

Public Safety works the best they can with the little funding they receive. They can only afford one officer to patrol all three campuses, 24 hours a day. They can't always be at the right place at the right time.

The only things we can ask for is a better combined effort on both Public Safety and the administration to make students more aware of problems, instead of worrying about how it is going to affect the image of Clackamas Community College. Knowing about it would make students take action. The students should lock their doors and make sure their car alarms are armed everyday. Knowledge is the first step in taking action against crime.

Jim Wiseman, Chief of Public Safety, had a few suggestions and facts to share with us. The most thefts occur in the parking lots near Pauling and Mcloughlin halls.

Last month, there were a total of 16 car thefts, five of which were recovered. So far this month, there have been two car thefts. For a total of 2100 parking spaces on campus, it could be worse, but it could also be better.

In response to a question about the numerous car thefts, Wiseman sincerely stated, "All of us are concerned about property crimes, such as auto thefts, but our principle mission focus is person to person crimes. We can replace steel; it's hard to replace human flesh."

Wiseman also feels that the attitude and problems with thieves of today, stemmed from their attitudes as children and adolescents. Criminals under 18 years of age are taken to Juvenile Hall, where they are hardly punished for their crimes. Kids need to be taught at an early age that crime is not going to be tolerated. They may be just kids, but you are responsible for your actions the moment you are born.

Sexuality in the '90s to be discussed at public forum

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Sex in the 90's is the issue of the open microphone forum which will be held from noon to 1:30 p.m., Friday. There will be many different speakers and panelists who will partake in the forum.

Panelists will consist of: Lauren Ford, a psychologist; someone from the Baptist Student Ministry; a speaker from the Cascade Aids Project; Kate Gray, a student from ASG and David Campbell will be the moderator.

The different issues which will be addressed at the forum will consist of sexuality, abstinence, diseases and about puritanical cultures. There will be discussion on the different views of sexual behavior at young ages and marriage. Does marriage work? Is marriage taken too lightly in our society?

David Campbell showed great concern on the whole subject matter of sex and the sexual behavior of our society. Campbell feels that the children need to be better educated and informed about sex at an early age.

"Unless problems of how sex is addressed isn't changed, the culture will probably self destruct," Campbell said.

Campbell said that there needs to be an open discussion about sex. The society needs to realize that kids are having sex at very early ages, this means there needs to be early sex education. Abstinence is not working for a number of adolescents. Kids are starting sexual behavior at the junior high ages and even younger.

The Dutch and other European countries are very open about sex. They educate them and show that protection is essential instead of emphasizing so much on abstinence. There are far less teen pregnancies and sexually transmitted diseases in these areas.

At the forum there will be sign ups for students who would be interested in being part of a team who will go and talk to junior highs about sex education. This program will start next year and would be very helpful in educating the youth. Kids are more likely to listen to older students rather than grown adults. If you are interested, attend the forum or contact David Campbell at ext. 2600.

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The Wambli Najin, Native American story tellers and dancers, gave an interesting presentation about the Lakota culture last Wednesday.

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