

## Retired Person's Exchange gives Costa Ricans chance to visit CCC

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River and Mount Hood. They will go home Nov. 2 after a farewell dinner at the Raven's Nest Restaurant at Timberline.

The Retired Person's Exchange Program is currently celebrating its eighth anniversary. Each year a group from Costa Rica comes here in October and a group from Oregon goes there in January. The program is under the Oregon Chapter of the National Partners of the Americas, which was founded in 1964 under President John F. Kennedy's Alliance for Progress agenda.

The Partners of the Americas is the largest volunteer organization in the Western Hemisphere and exists to promote in-

ter-American friendships, cooperation, understanding, and social and economic development. Within the organization each state is grouped with a Central American, South American, or Caribbean country. To date, Oregon is the only state to have created a Retired Person's Exchange Cultural Program.

Applications are now being offered for a trip next spring, going to Costa Rica. There are no major requirements to become a host family. They just ask that the hosts treat the visitors as family and either provide transportation to even or make arrangements for car pooling. If you wish to be involved now or in the future contact the Holleys at 639-3346.



Photo by Josh Kehler

The Environmental Learning Center, located here on campus is also home to a nature park, Birds of Prey exhibit and the Haggart Observatory. The new director, Vaughn Brown has begun to place more emphasis on the nature park and recycling program.

## CCC participates in 'Shop for a Job'

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Looking for part time work for the holidays? Clackamas Town Center (CTC) will be hosting "Shop for a Job" from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on October 21.

A variety of businesses and organizations will have tables and booths set up for information on applying for seasonal jobs.

CCC will have its own booth set up in the Cedars Area.

General information about the college will be available, as well as microskills assessment, a 15 to 20 minute test of interests and preferences, that aids in understanding career goals and direction.

CCC will also be offering four workshops, one each hour, beginning at 11:30 a.m. These workshops will include job search techniques, job interviewing, resume writing and how to fill out a job application form.

Workshops of this type are also available at CCC each term

through the Career Development Center.

The Career Development Center, located in the community center, is a source for career and job help and information. Current job listings, Career Information System (CIS) and much more can be found.

The Career Development Center will be holding a career market in the Gregory Forum from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Oct. 21. A variety of professionals will be available to talk to about their occupational fields, including a lawyer, journalist and broadcaster.

A new Resume Work Station has been added. Available to all students, staff and community members, the station provides access to Word Perfect 6.0, easy-to-use resume writing software, a laser printer and resume paper.

For more information on career workshops or job finding assistance contact Ethel Swanson, Career Resource Specialist, in CC108 or by calling ext. 2396.

## ELC changes focus of programs

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The Environmental Learning Center is redirecting its focus putting an emphasis on its nature park and recycling program.

The ELC has a new Executive Director, Vaughn Brown. Brown is doing some long range planning and addressing the needs of environmental education.

Brown says that over the past few years the ELC has spread its branches as far as possible and now it's time to narrow the focus.

One focus is the John Inskeep Nature Park. In the nature park people from the community and beyond have the opportunity to see native plants used in ways to support animals and help the environment.

Brown says that the nature park can be considered a footprint of a larger ecosystem.

The ELC presents classes that identify native plants and explains ways to use them in home landscapes. These classes offer hands on demonstrations for children and adults.

The ELC has a nursery that sells native plants to those interested in native landscapes. This gives people the opportunity to take a class on native plant landscapes and be provided with a place to purchase the plants discussed in the class.

The other major focus of the ELC is its involvement with recycling.

In the past the ELC was one of a few places that took recyclable materials. Now recycling has gained popularity and a variety of places accept recyclable materials. Brown says that he is happy to see so many people recycling.

The ELC is now moving for-

ward with recycling by creating products made of recycled materials. The goal is to find products that have appeal to the public. The ELC is experimenting with picnic benches made of recycled plastic and plastic-wood composition. Brown says that he would like to see ELC help manufacturers get involved with making products out of recycled materials.

The ELC had moved its focus from collecting recyclable materials to creating products with those materials, but it still accepts recyclable materials with an appreciated \$3 donation.

The ELC is also the home of Oregon's largest public observatory, Haggart Observatory, and the Northwest Birds of Prey Program.

If you have never been to the Environmental Learning Center or just want see what is going on there, drop by and check it out.

### Commentary

## 'Print' advisor reflects on student spirit

Linda Vogt  
Advisor

Coming back after a year of sabbatical leave is a little like getting off the airplane after an 11-hour flight to Rome: it's disorienting, and there is immediate culture shock.

As I wound up my year of sabbatical and contemplated coming back to Clackamas Community College, one thought kept recurring: there are good people here, and it is a great place to spend each working day. That, and I realized that even though I hadn't missed the weekly deadlines of the student newspaper, I had missed the interaction with the dedicated group of student editors and writers who crank this paper out.

At a gathering of journalism educators last weekend, what we all seemed to marvel about is the spirit with which our students approach this major task of creating a newspaper each week. As one of my colleagues here told me ten years

ago when I began at Clackamas, "Journalism is the only program on campus where the students' work is regularly collected and published for all the rest of us to read!" She's right - and that puts a great deal of pressure on those students; they handle it with grace.

What I see here in Barlow 104, the Publications Lab, is 17 people who spend nearly every "free" moment in their daily lives as students to work on this paper. They interview, write, edit, grapple with the computers, shoot photos, develop film in a tiny darkroom, figure out how to use the scanner, check their Email, learn the fine points of desktop publishing in PageMaker, discuss editorial ideas, work late into the evening Monday and all day Tuesday to put out **The Clackamas Print**. They also leave many, many phone messages for faculty and staff members, and wait patiently for a call back.

As with journalism staffs everywhere, these students do this because they seem to love it: the

weekly deadline pressures, the opportunities to interview interesting people, the chance to be at the center of a controversy, the power that lies with the written word. And, I suppose, they do it because they can have some fun with it once in awhile, too.

These next two days, the members of **The Clackamas Print** staff will be on a two-day retreat - planning, creating ideas for future issues, playing "Scruples" (so we can find out if we have any - you know what people say about the Press) - and just having some time to get away from the pressures of being a student. We hope to come back energized and ready to do a quality paper. By the way, these students' names are all listed on this page. If you know any of them, mention once in awhile that you've read their work or noticed their photos; those remarks help balance out the calls we get when we misspell a name!

Thanks for reading **The Clackamas Print**.

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