

Pipe break floods Harmony

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The Harmony building was closed Nov. 22 due to a break in a water pipe.

The 1.5 inch diameter pipe, buried underneath a concoction of rebar, cement and concrete, suffered from electrolysis, according to Dean of College Services, Gary Dirrim.

Maintenance was able to locate and repair the problem over the weekend, and the Harmony building was reopened on Monday.

This isn't the first time this has happened, however. Dirrim said that CCC experienced a similar problem two years ago. Most pipes, when they do need repair, are easier to get at than those at Harmony, since the Harmony

building was built approximately 50 years ago and has its pipes running underneath the building, as opposed to the more modern

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method of putting them overhead, for easier access.

“Kirk and his staff are going to develop a plan that will ultimately go overhead with all the

pipes...that's something we're going to have to do down there, as a long term solution to an aging problem,” said Dirrim.

After staff informed Dirrim of a possible break, Dirrim ordered the water to be shut off and classes to be canceled until it could be determined what the problem was. An “emergency locator service” was called in to locate the break point, so maintenance crews weren't wasting time by digging in the wrong spots. Maintenance started working on the problem late Friday and were able to finish on Saturday.

The only other place in any danger of flooding right now (due to the recent period of rain) is the Arts building and measures have been taken to prevent such occurrences.

College students clean up

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A group of Clackamas Community College students helped with the Phillips Creek Clean-up on Saturday Nov. 18.

An activity sponsored by Americorp and Green Corp, the clean up was an effort to improve the water quality for the Mt. Scott/Kellogg Creek Watershed and to restore the creek to its natural ecosystem.

The Americorps National Service is President Clinton's answer to Peace Corps. It is funding Neighborhood Green Corps, who in turn works in partnership with the Oregon Student Public Interest Research Group (OSPIRG) and National Wildlife Organization to conduct the StreamWalk project.

The purpose of the StreamWalk project is to provide communities with resources and opportunities to improve water quality and to clean up local waterways.

Organized by Ken Eshelman of the ASG legislative committee, a group made up of 10 students and one staff member contributed to the cause by cleaning an area near 82nd Avenue by Clackamas Town Center. They were 11 of the 65 volunteers from local colleges.

“One of the focuses is to make it fun,” Eshelman said.

The next event of this type will be in January carrying an environmental concern and the Americorp slogan, “Getting Things Done.”

To get involved volunteers are invited to attend Environmental Committee meetings each Tuesday from 12:30 to 12:50 p.m. in Dye 103 or contact Ken Eshelman at ext. 2245.

Eshelman thanks students Bonita Daniels, Helen Dunlap, Jacob Boenisch, Linda Nguyen, Shannon Gadbury, John May, Kelly Sullivan, Katie Folliard, Maggie Chapin and staff member Moana Wegesend for volunteering.

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program. The latest donation is a 1995 4-Runner that has body damage. Essig explained that Toyota does not want any wrecked vehicles sitting around Umpqua's campus, so CCC has agreed to repair the damage at its cost. In return, Clackamas will be receiving a new four door station wagon for the training program.

“There's \$28,000 sitting right there that the manufacturer is giving to us to teach on, because they want technicians to know the latest,” Essig said about the 4-Runner. “They could care less about them working on a Mustang or an old Chevy pickup or something.

They want them to know what's going to happen when they walk out in the field the first day.”

Although the college does not yet have any students registered, Essig anticipates having two to three starting winter term.

“I've already approached all the dealers in providing students,” he said. “I've turned in two already, a student from Oregon City and a student from Molalla.”

Essig believes that upon completion of this program, technicians can be earning from \$30,000 to \$40,000 a year in less than three years.

Essig can be contacted in the automotive department in Lower Barlow Hall or by phone at (503) 657-6958 ext. 2511.

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skills. “Overseeing the TACT Center,” explains Wight, “uses everything I've ever learned.”

The center was designed in 1989 to offer people with disabilities full access to computers. Wight enrolled in the center March of '89 as a suggestion from her counselor, David Campbell. She knew nothing about computers, but needed assistance in her Career Opportunity class.

“I had never touched a computer then,” she revealed. Looking past her desk at eight fully compatible computers, it is obvious that she learned quickly. With her background as a bookkeeper and secretary, it did not take her very long to master the keyboard. Wight got restless and bought herself Wordstar and Wordperfect for the lab. She taught herself and purchased a variety of other software programs.

With her Bachelors in Psychology and Occupational Therapy, it was natural for Wight to teach other students how to use

these technical programs. By the fall of '89, Wight was working at the center part time.

Shuffling between designing a program for voc. rehab and the center kept Wight busy until the spring of 1990. When the approval of a Voc. Rehab. grant

came through for the Center, Wight became full-time.

“Some students attend Clackamas just for this program,” Wight explains. “Voc. Rehab. sends students who have MS, severe emotional disabilities and physical limitations to the center.”

“The TACT Center is a wonderful opportunity for students with disabilities to demonstrate what they know using assistive technology and to learn what they need to know to bypass their disability,” said Cyndi Andrews, director of the Learning Resource Center. “The supportive atmosphere goes hand in hand with the assistive technology in order to help students succeed.”

The TACT Center is located in the Dye Learning Center. It is open everyday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.



Photo by Josh Kehler
Jan Wight created and manages the TACT Center

Student canned food drive helps needy

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Two weeks before Thanksgiving break the students attending classes in the Dye Learning center collected canned food to donate to a local food bank. All 350 cans collected were sent to the Oregon City Methodist church.

The group of students that took part in the canned food drive were GED/ High School and Adult Basic Skills students. Advisor Cathy Yamamura stated that she and the students, “just wanted to give back to the community.” And what better way than collecting canned food for the less fortunate around the holidays?



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AM Radio	FM Radio	Stations	Frequency
KINK	620	KUFO	101.1
KXL	750	KGON	92.3
KWJJ	1080	KXL	95.5
KEX	1190	KISN	97.1
KUPL	1330	KUPL	98.5
KFFX	1520	KWJJ	99.5
		KKRZ	100.3
		KKNC	101.9
		KKCW	103.3
		KXYQ	105.1

For those who commute long distances, the most up-to-the-minute information on college closure will be available by calling 503-657-6958 for the recorded message. “College Closed” signs will also be posted at each of the two entrances to the main campus and at the bus stop.

CCC has never been closed during exam week but, in the event of a first daytime closure during the Monday-Wednesday schedule, exams will be moved to the same time Thursday. A second daytime closure will be moved to a like Friday schedule, and evening closures to Friday evening at the same time.

Final exam schedule

	Mon. 12/11	Tues. 12/12	Wed. 12/13
MWF Classes			
8-9	8-10		
9-10			8-10
10-11	10-12		
11-12			10-12
12-1	12-2		
1-2			12-2
2-3	2-4		
3-4			2-4
TTh Classes			
8-9:30		8-10	
9:30-11		10-12	
11-12:30		12-2	
1:30-3		2-4	
3-4:30		4-6	
Conflicts	4-6		4-6