

## Career center a useful resource

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The CCC Career Planning and Employment Center has one mission, according to Career Resource Specialist Ethel Swanson: "To give the best career information possible to our customers, the students."

She believes she and a staff of career and job specialists and counselors have the arsenal to do just that. The center has a variety of resource materials and services, including employment listings, career development courses, and workshops on job searches, job interviewing and resume writing. But their most effective tool, Swanson said, is CIS.

"The majority of the students that come into the center, use CIS. It's the greatest resource we have," she noted.

CIS, developed by Oregon Computer Information Systems, is a 25 megabyte information system software designed to assist students in career planning. Students access the information from one of several computer terminals in the center.

Once on line, the student embarks on a hypertext tour of Oregon industry and academia, navigating in the Windows environment. Various mouse clicks sort through the data, adding and ignoring characteristics that help cater the information to the student's needs.

CIS offers information on almost any career in Oregon. For instance, a print-out of computer programming in Oregon included an overview of the job; personal aptitudes needed in the field, such as detail orientation; work setting descriptions, such as the typical work schedule; general employment sources; the total number of programmers employed in Oregon and a regional breakdown of that number; the future outlook of the programmer labor market; average Oregon programmer wages; skills and academic training needed; specialty positions

within the field; and a bibliography of related books, periodicals and trade publications.

A few more mouse clicks and CIS generates a nationwide list of schools and universities offering curricula in a particular field. Another set of hypertext maneuvers and a list of scholarships is on the screen.

A student can hone in on a scholarship that mirrors his/her need, heritage or lifestyle by entering their age, race, income level, grade point average or any other characteristics deemed relevant. Once a scholarship donor is selected, the student learns the scholarship amount, the number offered, the number of applicants last year, and more. CIS also offers information regarding military employment and self employment.

The career center isn't just a bunch of binary codes, though. There is plenty of hands-on assistance available from the staff as well.

If a student hasn't decided on a career, Career Counselor Donna Ford can help. By conducting a student inventory, which is a list of questions designed to determine aptitude, interest and personality traits, Ford can begin to match a career to those factors. There are several inventories offered at a cost per student from \$5 to \$10, according to a career center brochure.

Once a career is chosen and the time comes to find a job, Co-operative Work Experience Specialist Jodi Stapleton can step in. She manages the co-op program, designed to find students jobs within their chosen careers. The students earn college credit working within their field while pursuing a degree.

"We try to create the job when the student comes in," Stapleton said.

She does this by determining the best career match, then notifying employers that participate in the co-op program, of the

new candidate.

While the co-op program isn't officially under the career center jurisdiction, the two entities work closely to satisfy student employment needs.

"We're like an extended family," said Stapleton.

For those job hunting in general, Job Specialist Diane Drebin has about 100 jobs on file at a given time. The jobs include general office, clerical, executive assistants, personal assistants and computer aided drafters, among many others. Many of the jobs are short-term. Drebin can also assist in writing resumes.

The career center can also put students in touch with counselors on campus who can help students with almost anything, from a lost job to a lost relationship, said Swanson. But she warns that despite these tools, people need to be aggressive job hunters.

"Eighty percent of the jobs out there aren't listed. So you may want to contact the employer directly before they get a chance to list it," she said. She also suggests students network to uncover jobs, or even volunteer to work without pay to get a foot in the door. Swanson considers education the first step, though.

"Oregon's technology work force is a highly educated work force: more than 50 (percent) have a college degree, 19 (percent) have one or more advanced degree(s)," she said in a recent "Today" bulletin.

She concedes that competition for jobs through state immigration makes the job-seeker's task more difficult. She believes the center can help.

"I just want people to know what we have so we can help them go through that process of deciding what to do," she said.

The career center is located in the Community Center. Office hours are Monday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Tuesday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Ethel Swanson can be reached at ext. 2396.

## FCA provides fellowship for students

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There is a club here at Clackamas that has one goal: to show God's love for everyone. That club is Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA).

FCA meets in Randall 012 every Thursday from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

The FCA Faculty Advisor is Head Volleyball Coach Kathie Woods, who has been the advisor for the last seven years.

"The most important part (of FCA) is the fellowship," said Woods. "FCA is a positive environment for students here at Clackamas."

At the FCA meetings students can talk about their struggles and triumphs with fellow students, the majority being Christians.

There are all types of people who attend FCA meetings. Mitch Christensen, a member of the FCA here at Clackamas, defines FCA membership as "not just



strictly an athlete thing." FCA is not only for college athletes. But it is for anyone who would like to attend.

The meetings contain on average about 25 people per week, with the number continually growing larger.

The officers for FCA are President Denise Haselwood, a three sport athlete and Vice-President Casie Ireland, a volleyball all-star.

Haselwood says that FCA is important because it allows members "... to talk to people their own age that are dealing with the same things as you."

"The main motive of FCA is to love others, which means sharing, respecting and basically just supporting each other," said Woods. "The FCA is not out to convert people, all we're out to do is share the source of our love, God."

The FCA group here at Clackamas doesn't just have meetings, they also have get togethers. Like the one they had last Saturday night at the Arrowhead Athletic Club. There are many more events planned for the up coming months.

FCA in the words of Kathie Woods is "open to everyone" and there is an open invitation to anyone that would like to come and worship God.

## SOAPER MINDRENDER

by Matt Jones & Jon Roberts

### Letter Litter

I've taken each letter from a popular movie title and done the following: If it's a J, Q, X or Z, I left it alone. If it's a vowel (including Y), I replaced it with a 'v' (for vowel). If it's any other letter, I replaced it with a 'c' (for consonant). How many can you name? As a hint, the year of the movie is given.

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|---|---------------------------|
| 1. Jvcvccvc cvcc (1993)                       | 5. Jvcvccvc 8 (1992)      |
| 2. QvvZ cvcc (1994)                           | 6. cvvZ c cvc cvcc (1991) |
| 3. cvcc & cvc'c vXcvccvcc<br>vccvccvcc (1989) | 7. cvvJvcc X (1987)       |
| 4. cvc cvcc! cvcc cvvX<br>(1993)              | 8. Jcc (1991)             |

### Simple as ABC

This puzzle is as simple as ABC--in fact, I've already given you all the A's, B's and C's in each answer. How many can you get? ('-' signs indicate blank letters.)

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| 1. 1985 Michael J. Fox film                | BAC- - - - -        |
| 2. It connects the Atlantic to the Pacific | -A-A-A CA-A-        |
| 3. 1978 sci-fi TV show                     | BA-----A- -A-AC--CA |
| 4. David Hasselhoff series                 | BA--A-C-            |
| 5. 1965 Avalon/Funicello flick             | B-AS- B-A---- B---- |
| 6. 1985 Laker's MVP                        | -A---- AB--- -ABBA- |
| 7. Ex-Nirvana leader                       | ---- C-BA--         |
| 8. Crunchy salad topping                   | BAC-- B---          |
| 9. Classic comedy team                     | ABB--- A-- C-----   |
| 10. Soup of the day on Fridays, usually    | C-A- C-----         |

### The Right Connections

Answer the 10 clues, then make the right connections by pairing them together a certain way. You should have five pairs when you're done.

1. Astronaut's orange drink
2. Popular bottled water brand
3. Dog's feet
4. Unsophisticated, inexperienced
5. Like a bug in a rug?
6. Use a whip
7. Teeny tiny buzzing insect
8. 1988 western "Young \_\_\_\_\_"
9. Trade, like baseball cards
10. Game on the greens

## ANSWERS ON PAGE 8

## Classified Ads

- Ⓢ Bunk bed set, solid oak, heavy duty springs, some bedding. \$149.95. Skis, K2's, SLC, 195 cms, \$179.95, OBO (REI same \$420). Contact George at 657-9031.
- Ⓢ For Sale: 1981 VW Rabbit PU with canopy. FWD. 137K+ miles. \$1500, OBO. Call 636-2557.
- Ⓢ Why waste time typing your college paper? Quality Word Processing and editing are just a phone call away. U of O graduate in English will help for \$2.00 per page. Call Jenn at 557-3045.
- Ⓢ Surprise your family; delight your friends. Get them a handmade dreamcatcher of almost any size. This includes dreamcatcher earrings. Beaded and loomed jewelry is also available, as well as delicate, handmade Christmas tree ornaments. Contact Cori at 657-4367 or at 657-6958 ext. 2578.
- Ⓢ For Sale: '81 VW Rabbit, 4 Dr, 5 Spd. Rebuilt gas engine and transmission. Runs great. One owner. \$1800. 652-9055.
- Ⓢ Help Wanted: Nursing professional, LPN or RN, to do home health for 9-yr-old child, trach, shunt, and JP weekends + backup. 653-5458.
- Ⓢ Now Hiring part-time position for lifeguards and swim instructors. Training classes offered during Christmas break. Portland Parks and Recreation, 823-3673.