

Flood '96

College community asked to help

The following was released from Jim Wiseman of the Public Safety Department to the Clackamas Print.

Due to the recent flooding in our district, hundreds of homes and businesses have sustained millions of dollars in damage, and many of our area residences are displaced and without employment. It is a disaster!

A number of facility, staff and students have called wanting to help with the clean-up and assist with the community recovery. Jim Meiser and Jack Scrivener have spearheaded this concern.

To facilitate this recovery, I have contacted local officials and queried their immediate needs. This is their information: Help...Help...Help... To assist with community flood clean-up, you may call Mary Palmer or Peter Bush at 657-7892 or report at 7:30 A.M. at the Oregon City Public Works Shops at 122 South Center St. in Oregon City. Also, contact Karen Kasserman, 650-3514, who is the Clackamas County Volunteer Coordinator. Wear old work clothes, shoes and rubber gloves. Bring a shovel and broom. The needs change from day to day, so contact often to get the updated need assessment.

This is our information:

Norm Berney has agreed to organize available students at ASG for clean-up activities and other types of community assistance.

Larry Levi from the training center is in the process of organizing the Oregon Home Remodelers Assoc., to give free home repair seminars to community resi-

dents. These seminars are yet to be announced.

Jan Godfrey has agreed to make her counseling staff available for life crisis/grief counseling sessions for community flood victims.

Clackamas County Public Health, 655-8471, is available with health and disease control information.

The above information brings into fo-

cus our assistance plan. It gives relief where relief is needed, in a timely and focused way.

Mother nature has tested the human spirit and we have survived.

Clothes and money contributions can be sent to Salvation Army for relief activity; blood donations are needed at American Red Cross at 3131 N. Vancouver Ave. in Portland.



Radio Stations cancel college classes

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Radio stations were announcing false information about the closure of the college last Friday.

Some students may have heard on stations such as KUFO 101.1 fm and KXL 95.5 fm early that morning that the college was closed.

At about 2 p.m. Friday afternoon, Gary Dirrim, dean of college services, said that K103 fm had been sending out information from the previous day's closing.

According to the radio station, they had received a fax transmission that the college was closing at 2:30 p.m.

After the closure of the college on Feb. 5 due to icy conditions and the early closure of the college due to excessive rainfall and flooding on Feb. 8, students may wonder how is it that the decision to close the college is made.

Dirrim is the person responsible for making these decisions.

"What we do is contract with an en-

tity, the School Announcement Network. We pay him X amount of money a year, consider the facts and make a decision," said Dirrim.

The School Announcement Network is located in Vancouver, Wash. and run by Craig Walker (not the radio d.j.). After receiving a phone call from Dirrim, the network faxes closure information to all TV and radio stations under contract.

"This doesn't preclude someone being mischievous," added Dirrim.

According to Dirrim, he is the primary person to call the network with closure information. Only he and Dian Connett, dean of instructional services, have the phone number for the radio information network.

The stations to listen to are listed each week in the Today bulletin under INCLEMENT WEATHER, as well as in the term schedule. A recorded message stating "Special Bulletin" is also available by calling the college at 657-6958.