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Clackamas Community College

AT A GLANCE

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Attention club members: Club dates can now be found in the Club Calendar located in the Feature Section.

Join in the fun!!! Attend the CCC Club Fair today from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Community Center.

The 1996 CCC Women's Get-Away Weekend will be April 26 through 28. Come enjoy the music, workshops and relaxation, while staying in heated cabins and enjoying family-style meals. The fee is \$150. For more information, call ext. 2268.

Synesthesia, the literary magazine, is accepting submissions for this year's publication. All submissions need a cover page with name, SSN, address, telephone number and a brief bio. Limit three poems OR one creative fiction OR one creative non-fiction, 2000-word limit. All submissions are due Friday. For more information, call ext. 2371.

Petitions for graduation are still being accepted in the Registrar's office. A petition must be filed to indicate a student's desire to have a completed certificate or degree posted to their transcript. A separate petition must be filed for each certificate or degree. Information regarding the graduation ceremony will be sent to you during Spring Term. The ceremony will be held June 7. For more information, see the Registrar's office or the Help Center.

Poet Naomie Shihab Nye, of Texas, will read some of her poetry at 7:30 p.m., April 18 in the McLoughlin Hall Theatre. Shihab Nye has traveled to the Middle East and Asia for the United States Information Agency promoting good will through the arts. For more information call Diane Averill at ext. 2370.

Grow your own food, flowers-- CCC's Recreation office is now accepting registrations for the 1996 Green Fingers Community Garden Project. There are 150 individual garden sites available and each garden is about 700 square feet. Gardens will be open from mid-May through mid-Nov. The fee for a garden site is \$15. For more information, call ext. 2211.

Get into a life saving habit--give blood-- April 29 in the Gregory Forum, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, contact Carrie Blake in Student Activities, ext. 2247.

ELC Plant Sale-- April 26 & 27 at the ELC Nursery. For more information, call ext. 2351.

Come enjoy a full barbecue meal in the quad, in front of the Community Center. All proceeds will benefit Childcare Scholarships. The barbecue will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., today. Cost is \$3 for a complete meal.

A representative from **Eastern Oregon State College** will be on campus tomorrow, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the CCC mall.

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Photo by Karin Redston

Students finish major project

Manufacturing students Roland Gerchow, Brian Newton, Ron Rubrecht and Eric Hansen revealed their masterpiece last week, a new type of backhoe. This project took over 100 hours to complete and will be used in the Horticulture Department and in plans to replant trees lost last season.

College gears up for accreditation

Damon Fouts
News Co-Editor

CCC has been cramming for over two years in preparation for an "exam" that could affect the college's federal aid and grant funding, as well as the ability to apply course credits to four-year college degree requirements.

The process is called accreditation and all accredited colleges go through it at least every 10 years, as CCC did a decade ago. A twelve-member committee of evaluators sanctioned by the federal government will be on campus April 17 and 18 to review course curricula, sit in on classes and talk to student-body and faculty to determine whether CCC is in compliance with accreditation standards.

These 10 standards, drawn from the Commission on Col-

leges, are described in a 231-page Accreditation Self-Study booklet that administrators, staff and faculty throughout the campus have created. Complying with the standards ensures that CCC remains attractive to students who have qualified for Veterans' benefits, federal aid or a federal grant to pay for college, or to students who want to cut costs by attending CCC for two years before transferring their course credits to a four-year institution.

Without accreditation, CCC gets no federal money and offers no courses transferable to four-year colleges. And students get no guarantees regarding the quality of the education they're receiving.

"It's quality assurance for education. It's a process to make sure each school meets some level

of excellence," Associate Dean of Instructional Services Dian Connett said. Without accreditation, "(Students are) just not getting an assurance the college is giving them the education they should be getting."

Consequently, preparation for the evaluation has had staff secretaries collecting course outlines from instructors from one end of the campus to the other and has had administrative leadership analyzing college procedures and policies and statistically measuring the college's effectiveness.

"Outcomes are a big thing. The government says you should measure what you're doing," Connett said. So the college is statistically measuring such things as the level of satisfaction with counseling and career plan-

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The ten-year term is over, and now it is time for the school to get its report card.

Competition causes Recycling Center closure

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News Co-Editor

The John Inskeep Environmental Learning Center was forced to shut down its once-innovative but now unprofitable recycling center after 15 years of offering recycling services.

When the ELC began the recycling program, curbside recycling did not exist and the Metro Transfer Station was not even an idea.

"When we started the center curbside recycling wasn't available. Garbage haulers didn't pick that (recyclables) up. The Transfer Center wasn't there," said Chuck Scott, associate dean for science, math and allied health and ELC board member.

The recycling center provided a valuable service educating the public and lobbying the legislature for mandatory recycling.

"It was set up not only to provide recycling services, but to also teach people about recycling and to raise public awareness," said Scott. "I think over the 15 years it's done a terrific job of doing that."

With a depressed market and lack of other revenue to support the recycling center, the ELC board of directors voted on April 2 to close the recycling services at the end of the day on Friday, April 5.

"If you're not getting enough for the goods that you sell then you're losing money and that's where they (ELC) were. They couldn't continue to operate it," said Scott. "When markets were better it was self-supporting but lately that hasn't been the case."

The ELC has been responsible for handling the recyclable materials for the college. The

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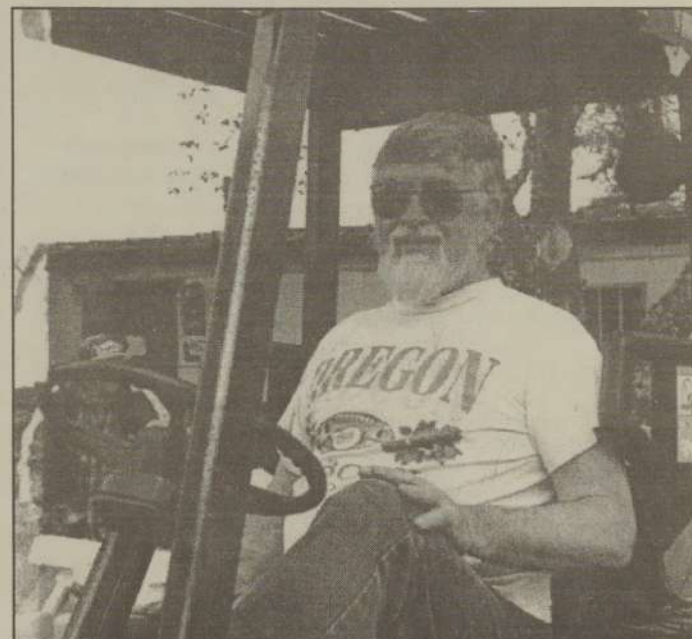


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The Environmental Learning Center closed down its recycling center last Friday due to lack of funds. Batch Downing, recycling center manager, was laid off when the center closed.