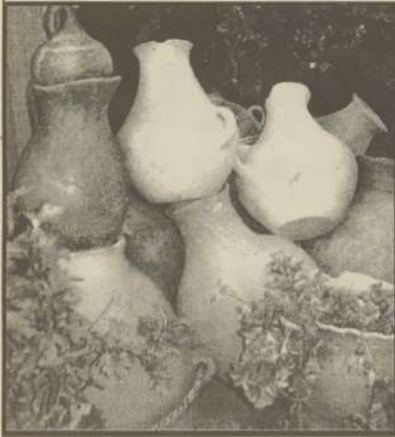


## Selden spins story



Experience adventure, art and culture with ceramic artist and Clackamas student Piper Selden. She will speak about her recent trip to Peru and Bolivia. The opening reception will be held Nov. 6 from 7-9 p.m. in Pauling Gallery. Her collection will be on display until Dec. 5.

## Leadership and ideas part of PTK conference

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The participants developed a plan to make blocks for the AIDS quilt at a recent leadership conference in Portland, sponsored by the western region of Phi Theta Kappa.

Alpha Xi Theta Officers Meriwether Mersereau and Tanya Leikam and Advisor Dave Arter attended the conference, along with officers from Northern California, Idaho, Washington, Utah and Oregon. The emphasis of the conference was enhancing leadership skills and increasing fellowship between the officers.

"The highlight was being able to exchange ideas with people from all over the region," said

Mersereau.

In addition to attending workshops, every chapter made plans to submit a block for the AIDS quilt to Phi Theta Kappa International. The block voted the best will be chosen for the quilt.

Fellowship included a dance and a dinner theater at Sylvia's. Mersereau also hosted an out-of-town officer in her home. She said she felt "exhausted but enthused" by the end of the conference.

"Phi Theta Kappa is an excellent opportunity for having fun and fellowship with other like-minded people," she added.

The next general meeting is Tuesday, Nov. 5, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in CC127. Light refreshments will be provided.

# Students' attitude: apathy or action?

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Managing Editor

Recently I have become painfully aware of how much apathy is present on campus.

About two weeks ago, I was in the Skylight dining room in the Community Center to hear Congressman Jim Bunn answer questions and give his position on the issues surrounding this election -- about 30 people showed up.

With a full-time enrollment of 4,000 people, this means less than one percent of Clackamas's students showed up to hear a congressman speak.

I think it is pathetic that Clackamas students do not get out more or at least let our elected officials know what they think. When no one says, "Hey, you're wrong. This is what we really want," then politicians can basically do anything they want. Why shouldn't they? You don't complain so there must not be any problems.

One thing I really want Clackamas students to voice their opinions on is Measure 47. If this measure passes, you can kiss the Associated Student Government goodbye, along with lots of other "elective" programs like sports and art-related programs.

If Oregon lets Measure 47 pass, you will not see any new

fees (tuition, locker fees, etc.). What you will see is cutbacks -- LOTS of cutbacks.

Measure 47, designed by Bill Sizemore, is the update to Measure 5. Measure 5 limited how much money schools can get from property taxes. Measure 47 updates Measure 5 by making it a law that whenever a school wants to increase fees, voters will have

kids that are going to school either. If he did, he would probably always hear complaints about no computers, necessary repairs, etc.

There are plenty of measures and people to vote on this year. As responsible voters, you have to look past the sound-byte advertisements and the cheery rhetoric that always surrounds any person or measure. You have to figure out exactly how all these measures and new politicians are going to impact Oregon and the U.S.

Besides reading the *Voters' Pamphlet*, try accessing some outside information. A good source is an organization called "Vote Smart." Vote Smart, among other things, compiles voting records (i.e., Jim Bunn's congressional voting record) and information on all candidates running for representative, senator, governor and presidential positions. You can call Vote Smart at 1-800-622-SMART and request information, or you can visit Vote Smart's World Wide Web site at <http://www.vote-smart.org>.

Please, as responsible citizens, get registered to vote and then VOTE. Otherwise, politicians will not have any idea of what we want. (Remember, THEY are here to represent US.)

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to vote on the increase. This measure, however, only applies to fees that will increase a school's "general fund."

Sizemore says Measure 47 was written because schools were trying to get around Measure 5 by increasing fees.

I think Sizemore should take a hint: schools are strapped for cash. No school wants to raise fees unless they have to do so. Frankly, Sizemore is not going to school; he probably does not have

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