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HEEL helps out

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The Help Everyone's Environment Live club is picking up pop cans and a little slack.

Recently, the HEEL club decided to start picking up pop cans and glass bottles that end up in the college's recycle bins.

"The deal with recycling is ... in all fairness, it is a difficult subject. Previously, they [Clackamas] had contracts with the Environmental Learning Center," said Ken Eschleman, the founder of HEEL. Eschleman also said the problem of recycling is also compounded because the janitors do not have a clause in their contracts which tells them they have to pick up recycled materials.

Eschleman says the HEEL club may get some money for picking up the cans and bottles, but that is not the reason they are doing it.

"Over 70 percent of what HEEL volunteers picked up were not returnable beverage containers. So we do plan to request that PFM [Pacific Food Management] discontinue the sale of nonreturnable beverage containers," said Eschleman.

"As an initial start, HEEL is going to stand in the gap and with volunteers like Cathy Andrew and Amy Williamson. We'll stand in the gap and pick up those products. We're going to do it indefinitely, until the school comes up with a recycling policy that actively meets their [Clackamas's] value policy statement," added Eschleman.

"It's not like we're picking some random, obscure area that's not being enforced or being acted on based on their policy statement. ... it's recycling," said Eschleman.

Building for Oregon's future

Students hone their skills at the college's Training Center

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Nestled among the trees and shrubbery on the far northeast side of the Clackamas campus lies 14,000 square feet of classrooms and laboratories known as the Training Center.

The facility, which opened in September, 1994, was built through a combined effort between the college and contractor, Grigsby Construction. A majority of the labor for the project was provided by the student apprentices. The center is home to the Building Construction and Apprenticeship Programs.

According to Coordinator Larry Levi and Building Construction Instructor Bob Topping, training is provided for electricians, plumbers, sheet metal workers, carpenters, laborers, painters and those in the limited-systems industries.

Levi, whose career started in Tennessee, served several years in the Air Force. He has been at Clackamas for twelve years, originally working in the Registrar's office. He moved into his current position in 1989. He is married to Amy Levi, who's a physical education health aide at the college.

Topping, an Oregon native, began his career in construction in 1970. His profession, which has allowed him to work all over the U.S., also gave him the opportunity to travel to and work in New Zealand, Australia and Japan.

The construction and apprenticeship programs have seen the largest increases in student population (see sidebar).

Topping explained why he thinks this is happening.

"We are a career training center. We teach careers, not just skills. The problem with teaching

skills is that a skill becomes archaic very soon. You are constantly upgrading yourself. You're always behind and trying to catch up," said Topping.

By teaching a person a career, they are more likely to be flexible and have skills to move within the industry.

The other side of the coin, according to Topping, is "that the economy is real good. Construction is the number three employer in Oregon. There are roughly 47,000 people in Oregon

who are in construction, receiving a paycheck. That is not counting the ones who work out of the back of their trucks or out of their homes."

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Instructor**

"A lot of job opportunities will be available in construction during the next 10 to 15 years," said Topping.

The training provided in building construction helps ready the student for an apprenticeship. It teaches them all the different aspects of construction.

"You learn about all the different phases of construction. You're not an expert at any of them, but you learn about the tangible things that bind them together," said Topping.

After the first year, a student can then make the decision to go into an apprenticeship or into the second-year program to learn construction management.

The program offers classes to those already in the industry who may want to enhance their skills. Should a student choose the apprenticeship program, they can

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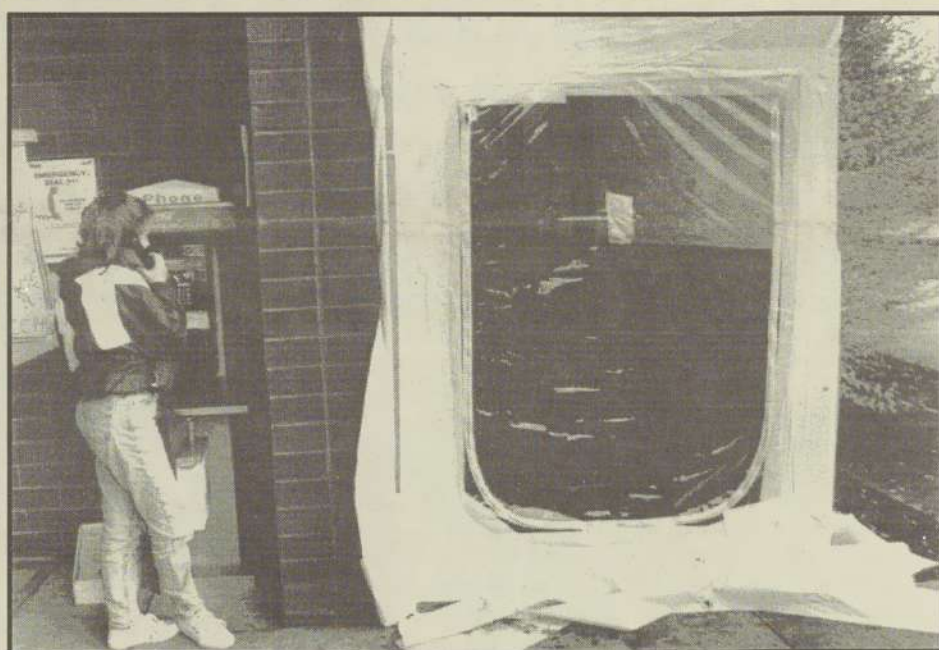


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The white "tent-like" structure covering Streeter Hall is there to protect against further water intrusion while repairs are being made.

Tri-Met expands service in Oregon City

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As of Dec. 2, Tri-Met bus routes going to and from Clackamas will be changed to provide a wider range of circulation within Oregon City.

The 32 Oatfield Bus, which runs from the college to the Milwaukie Transit Center and from there to downtown Portland, will change its route. Instead of running down Molalla Avenue and turning on 5th Street to swing by the Willamette Falls Hospital, it will travel down Beavercreek Road until intersecting with Molalla Avenue. The 32 bus will then proceed on its normal route into Portland.

This will allow bus riders access to more Oregon City locations directly by bus, such as the Berry Hill Shopping Center and

Country Village Mobile Park.

With the 33 McLoughlin bus continuing to run from the college down Molalla Avenue, bus riders will now have more transportation options available within the immediate area. Steve Johnson of Tri-Met, who is optimistic about the change, said it was made in response to the expressed desires of Tri-Met customers.

The change should especially be a boon to residents of Country Village, who will now be able to catch a bus nearer their homes instead of walking to Molalla Avenue. And, with the Berry Hill Shopping center equally made accessible, others will also be able to take advantage of the new route for their various consumer needs.

One possible disadvantage to the change is that those catching

the bus on Molalla Avenue will now have only one possible bus to catch, limiting schedule options and making it that much harder to bus out of the "Top of the Hill" area. The 32 and 33 are currently the only buses that run to Clackamas Community College and are, therefore, the only buses that connect the college with the Oregon City Transit Center. From there, numerous locations throughout the Tri-city area can be reached. But a bus rider who misses the 33 or 32 is stranded at the Hilltop until the next bus comes, which could be a 30-minute wait.

Another disadvantage is that buses tend to slow other traffic. But, on the other hand, the bus traffic on Molalla Avenue will be effectively cut in half, while Beavercreek Road will gain new bus traffic.



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Tri-Met has made several changes on the 32 Oatfield and 33 McLoughlin bus lines which will affect students.