

Letters to the Editor

Classified employee president speaks out

After reading the article "Heel Helps Out" in the Nov. 20, issue of "The Clackamas Print," I felt obligated to write my first letter to the Editor. Obligated because I was elected to represent classified employees of Clackamas Community College. Our CUSTODIANS (referred to as janitors) are valued and respected classified employees of Clackamas Community College. Mr. Eshelman's unsubstantiated comments to The Print reflect his lack of understanding of the Clackamas Community College Association of Classified Employees' contract as well as the recycling policy of Clackamas Community College.

In addressing the reference made to the contract between Clackamas Community College and the Classified Association, the fact is this contract does not address the duties of each employee. This contract is an agreement as to policies and procedures by which both parties agree to operate. Duties of each position are determined by the department to

Custodian upset with HEEL accusation

I am writing to you because I am appalled at a statement that was made by Ken Eschleman in your recent article "Heels Helps Out."

I am a custodian for CCC on the graveyard shift. Along with other custodians on the night shift, I am upset with his statement that the custodians don't pick up recyclable items because its not in our contracts. I'm not sure, but it sounds like Mr. Eschleman doesn't know exactly what goes on around the college at night.

I want to say that recycling should be everyone's responsibility. I also want to say that the custodians do recycle at night. Recycling does not have anything to do with our contracts.

All of the blue recycle containers are emptied into larger bins near the dumpsters. Where it is, in turn, hauled away by an outside source.

How many phones are on campus? A LOT!!

What happens to all of the old phone books when the new ones start coming in? Graveyard takes many truck loads of phone books to Fred Meyers in the middle of the night to drop them in the phone book recycle dumpsters.

As far as the pop cans go, I've always been informed that they were used for different department.

Examples: I see containers marked "Cans for nursing." The Training Center keeps their cans. The Auto department keeps their cans.

As far as the glass bottles go, those containers just popped up this school year. I'm not sure where they go. What are the custodians on graveyard suppose to do with it?

Maybe we should all start working together instead of badgering each other. Just maybe, we'll get something accomplished.

M. Remley
Graveyard Custodian

meet the needs of the department and the college as a whole. There is not one employee that performs only those duties listed in their particular job description. Our custodians are no exception to this practice. While performing their duties with pride and dignity, nothing is overlooked to ensure our campus is a clean and pleasant place to be.

Clackamas Community College has indeed been involved with recycling for a number of years. The custodians have in the past, and continue to be, an instrumental part of the recycling effort. Their level of participation remains the same as it was when recycling was a partnership effort with the Environmental Learning Center.

The issues of recycling are an educational process. By continuing to educate staff and students as to how to recycle and what is recyclable, the end result will inevitably be a win/win situation for all of us.

Diana McKeever, President
Clackamas Community College
Association of Classified Employees

HEEL apologizes for misunderstanding

It is apparent to the club HEEL that several of the custodial staff felt singled out as being the problem with increasing recycling on the Clackamas Community College main campus. That was not our intent. In fact, we have been empathetic to the problem of having more work to do than there is time to do it in. And we have been, and we are, working for the finances to hire the additional staff needed to increase recycling. As we have stated many times, it is not a personnel problem but a money problem. We are very sorry for the misunderstanding and we stand by our slogan, "CUSTODIANS and HEEL Working Together to Increase Recycling."

Ken Eshelman
ASG Public Affairs Officer
HEEL Student Coordinator

GED courses offered on television

GED on TV is a free course produced by the Kentucky Education Network which airs at noon each day on PBS. Clackamas also broadcasts the 30-minute programs at regular intervals on public access cable television. Students without access to television can come to the college and watch the programs on videotape.

The only requirement of students who register for the course is to purchase a set of accompanying books and to take the GED exams. Students are required to pass five exams to receive their GED certificate. They may take them as a series over a week or one-by-one as they feel ready. The exams cover writing skills, social studies, science, mathematics and interpreting literature and art. Students may take the GED tests year-round at the main campus. For additional information, Nancy Baker at ext. 2469.

Free childhood vaccinations offered

A cooperative project in Clackamas County will promote vaccinations of children and offer free shots as an incentive at locations throughout the county. The clinics will be offered Dec. 7 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Oregon City, 1425 S. Kaen Rd.; Sandy, 38872 Proctor Blvd.; Molalla Senior Center, 315 Kenel St.; and Clackamas Elementary School, 15301 SE 92nd in Clackamas.

Adult Enrichment Program Goes Beyond Therapy

Join Clackamas's Seasoned Adult Enrichment Program at the Dec. 8 matinee production of "Beyond Therapy," written by Christopher Durang and directed by David Smith-English.

This is a wacky comedy about contemporary urban singles and their therapists. Can Bruce and Prudence get beyond therapy?

Doors open at 2 p.m., with an

ice cream social following. No morning session is scheduled. This play contains adult language.

For more information call ext. 3212.

Information session scheduled for adults returning to college

If you are thinking about returning to school because you want to make a fresh start, need to make more money or lack up-to-date skills, you are invited to attend an information session at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 10, in the Community Center Fireside Lounge.

At the session adult learners will learn about new job trends, college costs, career options and new class choices. There will be a general overview followed by discussion groups, with drop-in advising sessions available all evening. The session is free and open to the public. For more information call ext. 2770.

Business counseling offered to business owners, entrepreneurs

Entrepreneurs who are interested in starting, or have already established their own small business, are about to get some help. And unlike many elements involved in starting a business, this assistance will cost exactly nothing.

The Small Business Development Center at Clackamas is setting up a counseling office in the Commercial Bank in Wilsonville. The one-hour counseling session, which will cover such necessities of running a business as marketing, record-keeping, loan packages and technology, is free.

Sessions will be conducted by Karen Carroll, an instructor/counselor with the Small Business Development Center. Carroll has experience as a business teacher and counselor both locally and in England, where she recently counseled small business on a Fulbright Exchange Program.

The sessions are scheduled from 9 a.m. to noon on Thursday, beginning Dec. 12, and are divided into one hour increments. Appointments are necessary and for more information call the Small Business Development Center at 656-4447.

The Commercial Bank is Located at 29702 SW Town Center Loop in Wilsonville.

Sunset and evening classes offered at Clackamas

All required general education classes for obtaining an associate's degree or to transfer to a four-year college are now available in a sunset/evening/telecourse alternative at Clackamas. A special listing of the winter classes, which start at 3 p.m. or later, is included in the current schedule of classes. Services such as counseling and food service have also been extended into the evening hours in most areas to assist students. The Help Center staff in the Community Center can help students with admissions, limited cashiers services, classroom problems, counseling, appointments,

directions, emergency messages, financial aid vouchers, general information, public safety contact, lost and found, registration, scholarship appointments, student body cards, unofficial transcripts, requests for official transcripts and arrangements for walk-out services. The Help Center is open until 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Besides the general education list, there are many other evening classes offered at Clackamas in most professional technical areas. For a copy of the schedule of general information, call the Help Center at ext. 2770.

Contest open to all student writers

The deadline for submission to the annual Writer's Club contest is Feb. 10. Cash prizes and certificates will be awarded for poetry, fiction and creative nonfiction.

Submit four copies of each entry with a cover page that includes writer's social security number, title, category, name, phone number and address.

You may submit up to three poems, one work of fiction and one work of creative nonfiction. Only students from winter quarter may participate. Prizes will be awarded spring term. For more information, call Allen Widerburg at ext. 2359. Entries may be brought to M-233 or left with English Dept. Secretary Rita Dale.

Library, computer lab extend hours today

There is good news for students needing to finish research papers, to study or to type reports.

The college library and computer lab will extend their normal operating hours to accommodate students.

The library will remain open until 10:30 p.m., the computer lab until midnight.

If you are in need of a snack, cookies and coffee will be available in the lobby of the Gregory Forum for a very small fee.

Improve your reading, study skills

A series of classes, Reading 12-04, 12-05 and 12-06 will help improve your reading and study skills. Each class is one credit, and you will be able to choose the time you want to study. Take one credit or all three in one quarter. Call Sharon Hartsell at ext. 2316.

Choose skills to be successful

Classroom learning skills, test taking skills and college reading skills will be offered in a three student success classes. Take a look at page 42 in the winter schedule and sign-up for RD-117. You may choose to take one section or all three sections when registering.

The class will meet in Module 4 on Tuesday evenings from 6 to 9 p.m. For more information, call Carol Evans at ext. 2444.

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