

Exciting year planned for National Affairs Committee

A word from National Affairs Officer
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This year is exciting for the National Affairs Committee. We have on our list an American Student Association of Community Colleges' National Conference scheduled in Washington, DC.

We are planning to send fifteen students from the student government. These students will have the opportunity to learn the intricacies of the legislative system, how to lobby and get a chance to speak to our Representatives.

ASACC is dedicated to lobbying for community college students and their financial needs. This year the association has prioritized the Jefferson Amendment, Hope Scholarships, One Stop Centers and other financial aid programs.

The Federal Affairs Committee is also taking a strong stance on putting students back on the Oregon Health Plan. We have requested and requisitioned Governor Kitzhaber and state legislators to examine the role of students in the health plan. This issue is tied into our decision to start organizing our campus for a Student Lobby Day.

It is hoped Student Lobby Day will get Clackamas students involved in the process of letting the legislators know what we want. You are encouraged to write letter or even call your Congressperson. A date for this event will be announced soon.



Petitions for Graduation are being accepted at the Help Center and the Registrar's office for students planning to complete their program of study at the end of fall, winter or spring term. If you plan on graduating, the form is necessary in order to have a completed degree or certificate posted to your transcript. A

separate petition must be filed for each degree or certificate. Graduation information will be sent out during spring term. The ceremony is scheduled for (would you believe?) Friday, June 13.

Loan program makes student borrowing easy

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Editor-in Chief

There's new line of private, supplemental loans available which will make borrowing for college nearly as simple as signing on the dotted line.

Sallie Mae, the nation's well-known education financing program, has affixed its autograph to the *Signature Education Loan Program*.

The program is designed to provides students and their families with a low-cost, convenient source of funds so borrowers can meet all of their college financing needs at one time, in one place, with one application. It is the only nationally available alternative loan program of its kind.

Available through a national network of private lenders, the program enables borrowers to package their Federal Stafford Loans with private loans, giving them access (sometimes without a cosigner) to the full amount they need for college, less any other fi-

nancial aid they are eligible to receive.

One of the unique features of the alternative loan program is its portability. Borrowers who transfer schools or go on to graduate school can continue to borrow through participating lenders and subsequently have all of their loans serviced as one account.

Borrowers not only have the ease of just one monthly payment but, because the loans are serviced by Sallie Mae, students are eligible for the full array of Sallie Mae borrower benefits, flexible payment options and around-the-clock customer service.

Students interested in more information about Sallie Mae's Signature Education Loan Program should contact the Financial Aid office or visit the their site on the World Wide Web at <http://www.salliemae.com>, or call the College Answer Hotline at 1-888-888-3461, available from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. ET, weekdays.

Winter term telecourses offered at Clackamas

There are a number of tele-course offerings provided by Clackamas as an alternative to individuals unable to fit campus-based classes into their schedule.

The following winter term classes may be viewed on campus or on OPB, North Willamette Telecom, Jones InterCable, TeleSystems West and TCI.

◆ **Faces of Culture** — A transfer credit level anthropology class showing how every society is an integrated culture.

◆ **General Education Development** — Prepares students for completion of high school equivalency certificate.

◆ **World/Regional Geography** — Provides fundamental geographic knowledge of our world and its people.

◆ **Personal Health** — Helps students define a healthy lifestyle and make informed decisions about health issues. Includes overcoming depression, hypertension, quit-

ting smoking and sexual health.

◆ **Western Civilization** — Covers the study of modern Europe from the Protestant Reformation to the 20th century.

◆ **U.S. History** — Designed to promote an understanding of the history to interpret the history in light of contemporary events.

◆ **Sociological Imagination** — Provides the first quarter of a sequence in Sociology.

◆ **Introduction to Business and Business Law** — Both are introductory classes that examine elements of business today.

◆ **Budgeting, home ownership, income tax, investments, wills and trusts.**

A one-hour orientation class is held on campus. Classes usually require viewing of about 20 half-hour programs, reading a textbook, completing mail-in assignments and completing a mid-term and final examination. Call ext. 2770 for more information.

Bits & Pieces

Don't have time to take classes during the week? Students can get their week's work of classes in biology, business, criminal justice, drafting, horticulture, math and auto body on Saturdays. Check it out in the winter term schedule.

Need a lift? The campus shuttle has zoomed back into limited service. The gray Taurus, bearing the "Campus Shuttle" sign starts at the bus turnaround and travels around Douglas Loop. Stops along the way include Barlow, near the Parts Dept., a five-minute stop at Clairmont, in the ELC parking lot and the Family Resource Center's front entrance. It then returns to the bus turnaround near the Community Center. More information can be provided by calling ext. 2455.

Don't be late for a very important date. Mark Monday, Jan. 27 on your calendars as Transfer Day 1997. Make the connection with representatives from over twenty colleges and universities. For more details contact the Counseling Dept. at ext. 2556 or 2599.

PHI THETA KAPPA WINTER MEETING SCHEDULE

DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Thur. 1/16	11 a.m.	Mod 4
Thur. 1/23	6 p.m.	CC126
Wed. 1/29	Noon	CC126
Thur. 2/13	11 a.m.	CC126
Thur. 2/20	6 p.m.	CC126
Wed. 2/26	Noon	CC126
Thur. 3/6	11 a.m.	CC126

WATCH NEXT WEEK'S PRINT FOR A SPECIAL POETRY SECTION FEATURING THE WORK OF CLACKAMAS STUDENTS.

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Announcements

A Clubs' Council meeting is scheduled for today in CC127 from 2 to 3 p.m. All clubs are encouraged to send a representative. For more information contact the ASG office at ext. 2247.

The Annual Writers' Club Contest is accepting submissions until Feb. 10.

There will be cash prizes and certificates for first, second and third place in three categories: poetry, fiction and creative non-fiction. You may drop off four copies of each entry in Allen Widerburg's office, M253 or call ext. 2359.

Representatives from Linfield-Good Samaritan, OSHU (EOSC, OIT, SOSOC), Walla Walla College, University of Portland and Washington State University nursing schools will be on campus Jan. 30 from 2 to 4 p.m. in Gregory Forum 108A. The forum will include a presentation from each school.

Watch for Art Instructor Debra Beers' "Recent Works" exhibit to open on Wednesday Jan. 22 in Pauling Gallery. The reception will run from 7 to 9 p.m. A slide presentation will happen at 7:30 p.m.. For information call ext. 2386.



Phi Theta Kappa is sponsoring an amateur photo contest to benefit the Ryan White Foundation.

For information call ext. 2371 or 2210. Deadline is Feb. 15. Entry fee is \$3 per photo. Grand prize is \$50.