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CCC, PSU form partnership

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A partnership promoting student access to undergraduate education has been formed between Clackamas and Portland State University in the form of a freshman/sophomore "inquiry course."

According to Associated Student Government Presidential Aid Josh Buegman currently 35 percent of all Clackamas students transfer to PSU.

"I think that this is a good thing. What it does is it allows more investment dollars for the school [Clackamas] ... it allows access to more information for students who are planning on transferring to PSU," said Buegman.

According to a "Memorandum of Understanding," the PSU/CCC partnership is designed to increase the efficiency of joint efforts in support of students and to improve the success of our transfer population by focusing efforts on Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer Degree and baccalaureate degree completion.

By spring 1997, joint library privileges for Clackamas inquiry students will be available.

The inquiry course for PSU will be labeled as a 299 level course and will enable those who take the class to, depending on which year the class is taken, skip either the freshman or sophomore PSU inquiry class.

In addition to the PSU/CCC partnership, Clackamas has identified several core values the partnership will be based upon: improved AAOT and baccalaureate degree completion rates, ease of student movement through both institutions, and ready access to comprehensive support services for student success regardless of student location.

The partnership is also based on shared faculty expertise and joint faculty development, successful student learning through sound educational practices; improved efficiency of effort between Clackamas and PSU in serving shared students; and promotion of appropriate educational choices that best meet the individual student's academic, social, career and financial needs.

This means it will be a lot easier for students (prospective or currently at Clackamas) to transfer to PSU. Because students can take the PSU inquiry class at Clackamas, they can pay Clackamas prices.

Both PSU and Clackamas have identified several future goals that are important to both institutions and will shape the future development of the PSU/CCC partnership. Those goals are: designing articulated career path programs; encouraging faculty exchanges and joint appointments at Clackamas and PSU; and, among other things, expanding the pilot program to other metropolitan-area community colleges.

The idea was summed up by Associate Dean Jan Godfrey when she said "successful completion is the idea."

The partnership will make it easier for students planning to go to PSU and also make AAOT students' lives easier because Clackamas has refocused their core values.

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Newly endowed funds established

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Nine new endowed Funds for Excellence were established by the end of 1996, reports Beverly Fulmore of the Clackamas Community College Foundation office, bringing the total endowments to about \$1.5 million.

"An endowment is a forever gift," said Fulmore. "When you establish an endowment, only a portion of the interest earned every year is used to support that endowment."

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"What we're doing here at Clackamas is to say that an endowment has to have a \$10,000 balance before any of the proceeds can be distributed," Fulmore said.

"What the Foundation did this year was come up with matching funds. So if that department has \$5000 in contributions, we match up to \$5000. So we immediately have a \$10,000 endowment."

Funds for Excellence provides students and instructors with additional revenue which is above

and beyond the college's budget. The funds can be used for the purchase of reference books and journals; curriculum development; staff development; and even for student support.

In addition to the endowed Funds for Excellence, seven other endowments were also established. The Alan Howk memorial Endowment will provide scholarships for Targeted Learning Center students. The Optimized Technology

Endowment will be used for many purposes, beginning with Drafting and Manufacturing. The Esther, Marilynne and Amber Keyser Endowment will provide scholarships for women in sciences.

Other endowments include the Roger Sabo Memorial Endowment for Engineering and Pre-Med students and the Margaret Thiele Petti Endowment, which is for single parents in the Life and Career Options program. Scholarships for Engineering students will come from the Landauer Family Endowment. Enoch Manufacturing will provide scholarships for Manufacturing students.

Endowments make a difference to both students and instructors. According to Fulmore, one graduating student decided to give back to the college by committing to a \$1000 a year.

"She was so excited about doing this because she was helping someone who was in the same boat as her," said Fulmore.

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Beverly Fulmore,
CCC Foundation office



Photo by Brendon Neal

Besides getting scholarship information, students planning on transferring can meet with over 20 colleges and universities from Oregon and Washington on Monday, Jan. 27 from 10 to 1 p.m. in the Gregory Forum.

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ITS upgrades system

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Information Technology Services was able to purchase a Compaq Pro Signia 500 over Christmas break.

The Compaq has a Pentium 150MHZ chip and two four-gigabyte hard drives for increased performance and reliability. In addition, ITS got the newest version of Novell Netware (version 4.11). This will mean less downtime and increased productivity for both students and staff.

The new Compaq replaces an aging 486/66MHZ computer which was also using an older version of Novell Netware (version 3.11).

Even though the new Compaq cost over \$10,000, the new server will quickly pay for itself in in-

creased productivity for staff and students. An ITS log file shows in a little over seven months the old 486/66 server was nonoperational for approximately 34 hours.

According to Computer Operations Manager Scott Branscum, the new Compaq is considerably faster. Branscum said, in the past, it would take a minimum of 30 minutes to reboot and reload the old server. With its Pentium 150MHZ processor and fast hard drives, minimum reboot and reload time has dropped to 15 minutes.

There were two main problems with the old server: there were not enough connections, which meant not everyone had access to the server at once, and the 486/66 was prone to crashing.

The limited connection problem was fixed with the upgrade of Netware. The new version of Netware that ITS obtained has support for an additional 100 users, bringing the limit of connections to 350.

The problem with crashes has been minimized with the purchase of the Compaq for two reasons. First, the new version of Netware has less bugs. Second, ITS is now distributing the work load between the new and old servers.

The Compaq will now take the "Clack" files ("Clack" is the nickname for the server). The 486/66 will be used primarily for backups and as an e-mail server. According to Branscum this means the new server will not get overworked like the old one, which will ultimately mean less downtime.