

## Letters to Editor

### Student stresses importance of legislative involvement

I am writing this letter first to congratulate *The Print* on your involvement in legislative issues.

Laney Fouse played an important part in Salem, Oregon on February 20th for Student Lobby Day. The Legislative Affairs team would wish to thank her for a job well done!

On a different level, students from Clackamas need to step up the fight on the Federal Level.

Some very important issues are coming up on Capitol Hill. The President has proposed a very large education budget to the congress. Requested is a \$300 dollar increase in the maximum Pell, thousands more work-study jobs, and a Hope Scholarship, a \$1500 dollar middle income tax credit to go for the first two years of education. At Clackamas that would help qualified students get their education absolutely free! Also a \$10,000 dollar tax deduction initiative will give the incentive for parents to help pay for their child's education.

I hope that the students of Clackamas Community College will get involved in advocating these steps to better education and call their legislators and get their support.

In Student Unity,  
Jacob Boenisch  
ASG Federal Affairs Officer

## Tuition rebate available

Overall, Brendon Neal did a nice job of reporting in the Feb. 19 edition on the potential \$1 tuition increase. It was balanced, well-written and informative.

However, one piece of important information was missing. The article leaves the impression that if this proposal passes, an education at CCC will cost all students, both existing and new, more money. Because of CCC's Tuition Rebate program, however, this is not necessarily true.

Clackamas has this guarantee: If tuition increases during your tenure as a student, and you successfully complete your course of study within three successive years of enrollment, any additional years will be refunded to you.

Of course, you must apply for the rebate upon graduation, but it's important to note that the proposed tuition rate increase will not necessarily cost our existing students more money.

Otherwise, a fine job on a complex story.

Dan McCue  
Community Relations

## HEELing the earth

Jennifer Egan  
Contributing Editor

HEEL, Helping Everyone's Environment Live, was started last year and is a very active group on campus. Our mission is to promote student and faculty awareness of environmental issues through hands on activism and community outreach. We believe that awareness, education, and direct action are imperative to saving Mother Earth. Through this weekly column, HEEL would like to keep you informed about our current projects and to voice student environmental concerns.

Increased recycling on campus is one of HEEL's primary goals. This includes providing more recycling containers on campus and increasing the percentage of recyclable items that end up in the recycling containers. For more information please call Amy Ware or Mishe Simantel at 657-6958, ext. 2563.

HEEL is recognized for "green activism" by the National Wildlife Federation because the members were so successful in increasing the purchase of recycled paper on campus—helping to close the recycling loop. As a result, the National Wildlife Federation, HEEL, and the John Inskip Environmental Learning Center are cosponsoring *The Community College Connection: Environmental Change from Ideas to Action*. This one day intensive clinic on April 5, will give hands on training, both organiza-

tional and issue-based, to create institutionalized environmental change on campus. To register or for more information, please contact Ken Eshelman at ext. 2247.

HEEL is also representing students concerning the health issue caused by the effects of the water intrusion/mold problem in Streeter Hall and the Dye Learning Center. We are satisfied that the College is starting to address student health issues and looking for solutions; however, we are continuing to ask for student notification of the potential health risk.

HEEL is involved with protecting and learning about our native environment. We are working with Willowell Nursery to do Native Plant Salvage Projects. We go onto sites where plant decimation is inevitable due to construction and development. Our next salvage project will be on March 8, look for signs or call Cathy Andrews at 657-6958 x2563 for more information.

HEEL is once again sponsoring the annual *Environmental Week* from May 19 through May 23. This is the one week out of the year when Clackamas Community College gets together to celebrate the environment. There will be bands, information tables, and guest speakers to promote a greater public awareness of green issues.

These are just some of our activities. If you have a concern or would like to join HEEL come to one of our meetings on **Mondays 11:00 to 11:45 in CC126 or Wednesdays 10:00 to 10:45 in B114**. Together, we can make a difference.

## Memorial Services held for student

## Graduation petitions due soon

Laney Fouse  
Editor-in-Chief

A memorial service was held on Monday for Clackamas student Darcy Owens.

Owens died February 19, from smoke inhalation after trying to rescue her dog.

The full-time student is credited for alerting her roommates when the 1 a.m. fire broke out.

## Correction: Student shines on campus

In the February 12 edition of *The Clackamas Print*, the story "Student shines on campus" contained an error about the scholarships received by Deanna Edlund.

Edlund was not the recipient of the Ford Scholarship as previously reported. She also felt it important to stress her being homeless was not the by-product of her six-year relationship.

Petitions for Graduation are now being accepted at the Registrar's Office and the Help Center for students planning to complete their program of study at the end of spring term.

Information regarding the graduation ceremony will be sent during spring term.

The ceremony will be held Friday, June 13, 1997. Petitions must be in the Registrar's Office by April 11.

## Anxiety screening scheduled

You are invited to attend a College Anxiety Disorders Screening Day where you can view a video, take an anxiety disorders screening test and have a confidential meeting with a doctor or mental health professional. Free educational material will also be available.

The event is planned for Thursday, March 13 at 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in CC127 and is sponsored by Phi Theta Kappa and the college's Counseling Dept.

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