

A small glimpse at big possibilities

■ The following is the winning feature story from Clackamas Skills Journalism Contest

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Canby High Senior

There is only one place where an 18-year-old teenager can find themselves talking to a water representative about a career in water-quality engineering while chewing gum and wearing jeans with holes in the knee and be treated decently.

Today at Clackamas about 500 students from various schools in the region laughed, loitered and discussed their future with over 30 different occupation representatives from a job at G.I. Joe's to a career in Computer Science.

Appropriately named the "Opportunity Career," it is a one-day fair that provides a chance for student to view a variety of career possibilities they might want to take on as they prepare to join the working world. In a conscious decision, CCC has combined the Regional Skills Contest with the fair, allowing students to compete in their area of academic expertise and then check out the fair.

Separated with a large blue

canvas-type divider from a group of less-than-quiet basketball players, the sounds of a ball bouncing off the gym floor and tennis shoes screeching echoed in the background, multiplied the din of career-curious teenager's conversation about ten decibels higher.

Sitting behind a table that had no fascinating display, save the piece of paper with the words "Water Quality" on it, were two women who looked slightly bored. Kay Hurst, wearing a green-blue planet-awareness shirt and a name tag, uncovered the mystery of water quality. It is a rather large field, according to Hurst, that provides those interested with a wide range of possibilities: Water plant operators, lab analysts, Intel workers, and after two years, "you could go on to become engineers." The other woman's name tag simply sported the name "Val." She stated that there were also opportunities in wildlife research, "Wildlife water research control ... how does that sound?"

Another quieter table was that

of financial planning. In a black dress that matched her dark hair, Deborah Weller sat with her hands folded, and a simple handwritten sign that read "Financial Planning." She, herself, is an independent owner of her own business. To list a few, Weller mentioned financial planning, accounting, and stockbroking, but said that those were "just a sample." When asked what she thought of the fair, she smiled and confessed, "I've never done one before."

Sitting in a corner of the gym, three CCC Associated Student Government representatives were taking advantage of the crowd by

selling Almond Rocha and raffle tickets to raise money for a trip to Washington, D.C. Michelle Waggoner, one representative reflected, "It's helping them to look at difference careers ... and to get into contact with the people that work the actual job."

Carry Kuykendall, a student from Gladstone, was enthusiastic, "I think it's really great. It helps you think about what you could do for the future." In essence, the Opportunity Fair seems to have opened the eyelids of some sleepy students who didn't realize that tomorrow is almost today.

Environmental club to help in plant rescue

Jennifer Egan
Contributing Writer

Hi again from HEEL, the college's environmental club. Thanks to everyone who is helping to get the recycling program off the ground; spring is not the only reason this campus is getting greener!

There is a **Native Plant Rescue Project scheduled for Saturday, March 8.** Plant Services and the Associated Student Government are providing a van that will leave from the **Community Center at 8:15 a.m. and return to campus at 11:30 a.m.** Students age 17 and younger need to pick up a parental permission form from the ASG office (CCC 140) to bring along on the trip.

We will be working with Willowell Nursery to save plants on a housing development site in Tigard. Plants such as *trillium*, *fairy bells*, and *False Solomon's Seal* will be selectively dug up. They are small, survive well when transplanted, and have market value. Most of the plants require potting and care for up to 2 years, which Willowell Nursery provides. Native plants work well in any garden setting. They are already

acclimated to the environment, beneficial to wildlife, and low maintenance. They require no fertilizers, pesticides, or excess watering.

The college will earn "greenbacks" for each plant saved. Greenbacks can be used to purchase plants from Willowell Nursery for the two native plant sites on campus: the Pauling Native Garden Area and the Designated Natural Area. If we are successful with this enhancement, there is a great possibility the Native Garden will receive a Foundation Grant in 1998. The departments that would benefit from the grant would be Life Sciences, Horticulture, Environmental Learning Center, Plant Services, and ASG.

For more information, please call Cathy Andrew at ext. 2563 or come to a meeting. There are two meeting times: Mondays at 11 to 11:45 a.m. in CC126 and Wednesdays at 10 to 10:45 a.m. in B114.

Since this is the last *Print* issue for the term, HEEL wishes everyone "good luck" on finals. We all look forward to a fun and proactive spring!

Cafeteria robbed

Laney Fouse
Editor-in-Chief

An undisclosed amount of money was taken from a cafeteria cashbox during a burglary sometime Monday night, according to Bill Wehrend, cafeteria supervisor.

The theft was discovered this morning by an employee who was

first to arrive.

"We're all really aggravated," said Wehrend. "This is the second time it's happened. It makes me feel like my privacy has been invaded."

The robbery is under investigation by the Public Safety office. Security measures will be revamped to prevent this from happening in the future.

NEWS BRIEFS

Special luncheon celebrates Women's History Week

Poetry and music by women artists will highlight a celebration luncheon today in honor of Women's History Week.

The event is sponsored by the college's AAWCC Focus on Women Program and will be held at noon in the Gregory Forum. Cost is \$5, which includes lunch; pre-registration is encouraged.

Several members of "Chrysalis," a women's writing group, will read from their original works. Original music will be performed by Kathleen Fallon. Fallon is a member of the group "Motherlode"; they have recorded four albums and perform regularly throughout the Northwest.

To register, sign up for WKS 1-04. For more information, contact Linda Vogt, coordinator of the Focus on Women program, at ext. 2310. All are welcome.

Graduation petitions being accepted now

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 fall, winter, or spring terms. A petition must be filed to indicate a student's desire to have a completed certificate of degree posted to their transcript. A separate petition must be filed for each certificate of degree. Information regarding the graduation ceremony will be sent during spring term. The ceremony will be held June 13, 1997. Petitions must be in the Registrar's Office by April 11 to ensure inclusion in the graduation program.

Anxiety screening scheduled next week

Students are invited to attend College Anxiety Disorders Screening Day where they can view a video, take an anxiety disorders screening test and have a confidential meeting with a doctor or mental health professional. Free educational materials 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 Counseling Dept.

Photography awards reception planned

An awards reception for the Picture Compassion Amateur Photography Contest will be held March 7, at 6 p.m. in the Gregory Forum. Call ext. 2371 or ext. 2210 for information.

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