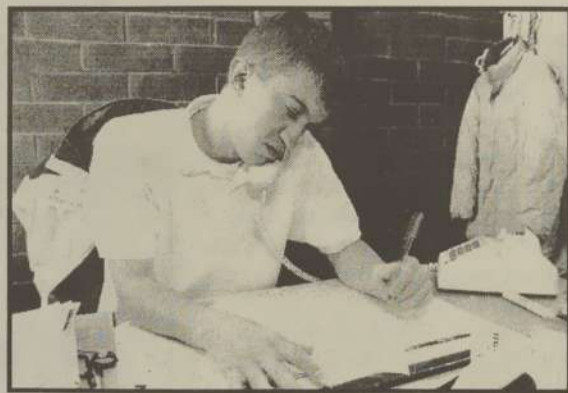


# Caudle reflects on year of successes

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Mike Caudle was the first Clackamas ASG President to win back-to-back elections.

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## Mike Caudle's Presidency

- No unnecessary tuition increases.
- Opposed Measure 47.
- Support increased child care benefits
- Continue ASG Bookmark.
- Lobby for increase in financial aid.

When Mike Caudle decided to run for President of the Associated Student Government for the second time, he ran on a variety of issues and promises. Did he deliver?

Caudle's platform included increased student access to Clackamas, no unnecessary tuition increases, opposition to measure 47, increased child care benefits and continuation of bookmark.

Caudle started off the 1996-97 school year early by flying to Washington D.C. with several other members of ASG. They lobbied Congress for \$2.5 billion increase in financial aid toward community colleges. Later in the year, Caudle and other ASG members went back to Washington D.C. again and helped, with other students from around the nation, to increase Federal financial aid by \$1.2 billion to a total of \$3.7 billion.

"We lobbied for a \$2.5 billion increase in financial aid, which included a \$300 increase in the Pell grant. It went from \$2700 a year to \$3000. We were a part of a very small group of people, about 45 to 75 students lobbying for two and a half days. The next day, a headline in the Washington Post proclaimed, \$2.5 billion increase in financial aid," said Caudle.

Early in the school year, Caudle and other ASG members started actively opposing Measure 47. Caudle attended KATU's "Town Hall" as part of the opposition side. He also spoke to "just about everyone under the sun," state senators and state representatives.

"I wasn't an anti-measure 47 person. I just wanted to get the message out that Measure 47 was a bad thing for the students of this college," stated Caudle. "I know property tax burdens are high... but it [Measure 47] had a negative impact to the students of this college. I was doing my job by saying that, 'look this is bad, it will cost the college over two million dollars.'"

Toward the end of February of this year, the college decided to propose a \$1 tuition increase to cover cost-of-living increases and to guard against Measure 47 financial losses. Caudle and ASG again opposed the increase, as they had done the previous year against a \$2 increase.

"I went to the Board of Education and said that we [ASG] would tolerate a cost-of-living increase. Meaning that we would

not incredibly, actively oppose a cost-of-living increase. I can understand that argument. However, I personally oppose any tuition increase. For example, the national average for the past 10 years, tuition at community colleges has gone up 73 percent. And I know wages haven't increased that much," said Caudle.

Besides fighting against problems that cropped up during the year, Caudle also helped to continue the growth of the child care grant program.

Previously, the college Foundation had set aside \$10,000 to go toward child care grants. Caudle and ASG were able to increase that number by 50 percent, to \$15,000 for the 1997-98 school year.

"I've been passionate about child care since I got here. We spent this year working on some off-campus alternatives, providing grants for off-campus child care providers. Over the past two years, we've made child care an issue on campus. My greater ambition was to be really impacting the things that affect students on a daily basis. We [ASG] tried to transition from being entertainment-oriented to more of the things that affect your everyday life," said Caudle.

One of the other ideas Caudle campaigned on was expanding the ASG-sponsored Bookmart. The Bookmart is de-

signed to give students another outlet for buying and selling books in an inexpensive manner.

"We ended up running Bookmart all three terms this year and took in about 200 books in a term," said Caudle. "There was about \$2000 or \$3000 saved by students. They could have spent \$2000 or \$3000 more than they did."

In addition to what Caudle campaigned on, he also successfully helped in fighting to get students back on the Oregon Health Plan, helped lobby for a \$6.1 million increase in the Oregon Need Grant, worked with college administration on the Microgrid-Hartman/PGE energy-saving project, helped to promote the Public Safety Training Center, worked with the Help Everyone's Environment Live club to increase recycling, worked with the food service selection committee and was able to get a clause inserted in the food services contract that stated the food service company was "committed to environmentally-friendly purchasing."

"I know that not everyone on campus voted for me in the election. And I know not everyone cares about student government, but I've truly enjoyed serving as student government president over the last two years. And I don't think anyone will ever, not even myself, understand how much it has contributed to my growth as a person and what an impact we've been able to have on this institution," Caudle stated.

"Everyone may not like it; there may be things that people disagree with, but we've tried to stay on middle-of-the-road issues. I hope and I think do see the benefits from student government whether they ever know it or not. I've just been pleased that people chose me to be the first ever two-term incumbent president," added Caudle.

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About 40 people attended the Writers' Club award ceremony last Tuesday. The winners of the Writers' Club Contest read from their works of poetry, creative nonfiction and fiction. The winners are (from left): Regina M. Godfrey, Anna L. Phillips, Shelley De Leo, Karen LeBlanc, Nichola M. Vest, Elizabeth Holloway, Rachael Lewis, Laura Robertson and Ron Rasch. (Not pictured: Anna Walker.) Their work will be published in the campus literary magazine, Synesthesia, which will be available by the end of spring term.

## The Mind Bender

By Jon Roberts

### College entrance exam football player version

Time limit: 3 weeks. You must get three correct to qualify:

1. What language is spoken in France?
2. Give a dissertation on the ancient Babylonian Empire with particular reference to architecture, literature, law and social conditions -OR- give the first name of Pierre Trudeau.
3. Would you ask William Shakespeare to:
  - A: build a bridge
  - B: sail the ocean
  - C: lead an army
  - D: WRITE A PLAY
4. What religion is the Pope?
  - A: Jewish C: Hindu
  - B: Catholic D: Polish
5. Metric conversion. How many feet is 0.0 meters?
6. What time is it when the big hand is on the 12 and the little hand is on the 5?
7. How many commandments was Moses given? (Approximately)
8. What are the people of the United States far north called?
  - A: Westerners
  - B: Southerners
  - C: Northerners
9. Spell Bush, Carter and Clinton.
10. Six kings of England have been called George, the last one being George the Sixth. Name the other five.
11. Where does rain come from?
  - A: Macy's C: Canada
  - B: a 7-11 D: The sky
12. Can you explain Einstein's Theory of Relativity?
  - A: Yes
  - B: No
13. What are coat hangers for?
14. The Star Spangled Banner is the National Anthem for what country?
15. Explain Le Chateleurs Principle of Dynamic Equilibrium -OR- spell your name in BLOCK LETTERS.
16. Where is the basement in a three story building located?
17. What does NBC (National Broadcasting Corp.) stand for?
18. Which part of the United States produces the most oranges?
  - A: New York
  - B: Florida
  - C: Canada
  - D: Wisconsin
19. Advanced math. If you have three apples how many apples do you have?
20. The Cornell University tradition for efficiency began when (approximately)?
  - A: B.C. B: A.D.