

ASG president speaks out on text book prices



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ASG President

The beginning of the school year brings many surprises, but none have the effect on our pocket books as the exuberant price of books. I fear that students will continue to spend more on books unless we take action to make things change. It seems the ultimate blame lies in the publishers, whose quest to make money during the age of high priced lumber and machinery, have forced them to put the pressure on us, the buyers. Student Government has tried to alleviate the burden of text book costs to students in a manner of ways, which are important for students to understand.

Bookmart - The Student Government holds 3-6 times a year a student book exchange called Bookmart. The Bookmart is set up to provide students an opportunity to sell books for more and buy books for less than the Bookstore. If you have a \$55 math book, you could take it to the Book store and

receive \$15 or you could set your own price at the Bookmart. If you need a \$55 science book you can go to the Bookstore and pay \$45 or you could go to the Bookmart and pay \$35. The overall concept is students helping students. What the Bookmart does demand is involvement from students, which quite honestly, has been non-existent for the last two years.

Text Book Grants - New this year is an opportunity for students to receive a textbook grant. Student government has made it a priority to develop, and grow a program for students who need help paying for textbooks. Students who need help paying for textbooks will be able to receive funds in the form of a grant. Currently the student government is working with the college foundation to set up an endowment that will ensure the continued growth and availability of this grant to students here at Clackamas. With the support of the student

body and the college administration we will be able to give out our first grant in the beginning of the spring term. So next time you see a B-B-Q out there for the textbook grant be sure to show your support for this great program and grab a burger.

Appealing to Congress - The Student Government Federal Affairs team is putting together a package to hand out to our representatives to outline how much students pay for books at Clackamas. If you want to take part in the process please contact the student government office.

Another main concern of mine, which I slightly touched on, is the amount of money students receive when they sell their books back to the Bookstore. Their buy back policy borders lunacy and the outcry of students perturbed with the policies go unheard. The Bookstore has constantly remained closed to answering ques-

tions and taking suggestions on how to improve their service. It is also a shame that the Text Book Committee, that was set up to analyze and discuss concerns, has not met in months! How do students voice their concerns about text books, when there is not a forum to do so? Hopefully in the near future these problems will be corrected. This college has a long history of answering to its students and acting on their demands.

Clackamas is an excellent school. There is no doubt that you have chosen the best community college in Oregon. Hopefully by having effective programs, giving students helpful grants and advocating student concerns, student government can help make your experience all the more worth while.

Student Government President,
Jacob Boenisch

EVENTS

Cholesterol and blood pressure checks
The Adventist Hospital van will be in front of the Community Center today from 9:30 to 1:30 and tomorrow from 11 to 1. Blood pressure check is free. Cost for initial cholesterol screening is \$3 and the breakdown will cost \$9.

National depression screening day
Tomorrow in the Community Center from 2 to 4 p.m. or 6-8 p.m.. The screening is free and includes: a written self-test for depression, a screening interview with a mental health professional and an educational presentation.

Clubs Council
October 15 from 11-12 in CCI26. One member from each club will be attending. Attendees are advised to bring the meeting dates and times for their club, upcoming events for the term/year and any ideas of how clubs can be better promoted on campus.

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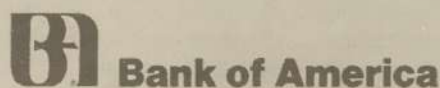
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