

Cafeteria: New director makes effective changes

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In progress are ideas for a nutritional menu (some items, such as yogurt, melon crowns and juices, are already available) and for a budget menu, featuring low-cost items like hamburgers and tacos.

Students and faculty are invited to attend food committee meetings with Traynor monthly. The committee determines new items to be added to the menu, based on surveys of students and other prospective customers. Dates have not been specified yet, but Traynor expects to have a meeting with the committee in October.

In addition to new products, the cafeteria now offers expanded service hours. It

is open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Fridays, and on Saturday mornings from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.

The campus cafeteria is stepping up its efforts to use more environmentally safe products and to recycle. It has switched from styrofoam to safer polystyrene and paper cups.

Traynor graduated from Eastern Oregon University in LaGrande, where he was production manager in the cafeteria. He is enjoying the change of scenery since moving to Oregon City.

Traynor has made many new friends, but the drastic change in environment has been difficult to deal with at times. It is still a

big change because he came from a town that “didn't even have a stoplight.”

Marcia McCormick, a graduate of a culinary arts program in Bend, has been hired as the new cook. The core staff is the same as last year, and the new part-time student staff has blended in well. “I'm really pleased with them,” said Traynor.

“Sales seem to be at as high of a level or a little above last year,” Traynor said, adding that the staff and faculty of Clackamas have been great to work with and have made the transition easy for him.

Traynor invites anyone to come to the cafeteria and try the new products. He also welcomes any suggestions. “What do you want? We'll do it for you,” he said.



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Rick Traynor is the new director of dining services for the cafeteria.

Campus buildings under reconstruction

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Repairs on three water damaged campus buildings will be completed by the end of March, 1998. Administration officials are confident that the threat of health problems from air-borne mold spores has been eliminated.

Gary Dirmm, Director of College Services, said that mold spores were affecting the health of Clackamas staff members early in 1996. Water has damaged Gregory Forum and Dye Learning Center, (both of which have been closed) and Streeter Hall, which is still open for use by faculty and students.

Dirmm said that repairs are on schedule. Gregory Forum is due to reopen at the end of December, 1997. Dye Learning Center is scheduled to reopen in January, 1998. Streeter Hall repairs will be finished later in Spring, 1998.

Cause of the damage to the buildings, built in 1991 and 1992, was attributed to water intrusion under the exterior walls of the buildings, known as Exterior Insulative Finish System, (EIFS).

After the problem was discovered by the administration, Clayton Environmental Consultants (CEC), a consulting firm specializing in microbial problems, tested the EIFS and found some areas of the wood framing under the exterior walls had a 50% water content. The wood had rotted and mold began to grow. It was spores from these molds that entered the buildings causing allergic reactions in some people. At least nine molds were identified during testing.

CEC continues to test the air in the buildings weekly for the



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Work continues on Gregory Forum.

spores and to identify affected areas of the buildings to be removed for repairs, said Dirmm.

The repairs require that the EIFS be removed from all exterior walls along with any rotted wood of the buildings' framing before a new exterior finish can be applied. In all the buildings, interior sheet rock is also being replaced along with carpets running along exterior walls.

“Better to replace the carpet rather than clean it up so that the mold can be completely eradicated,” said Dirmm.

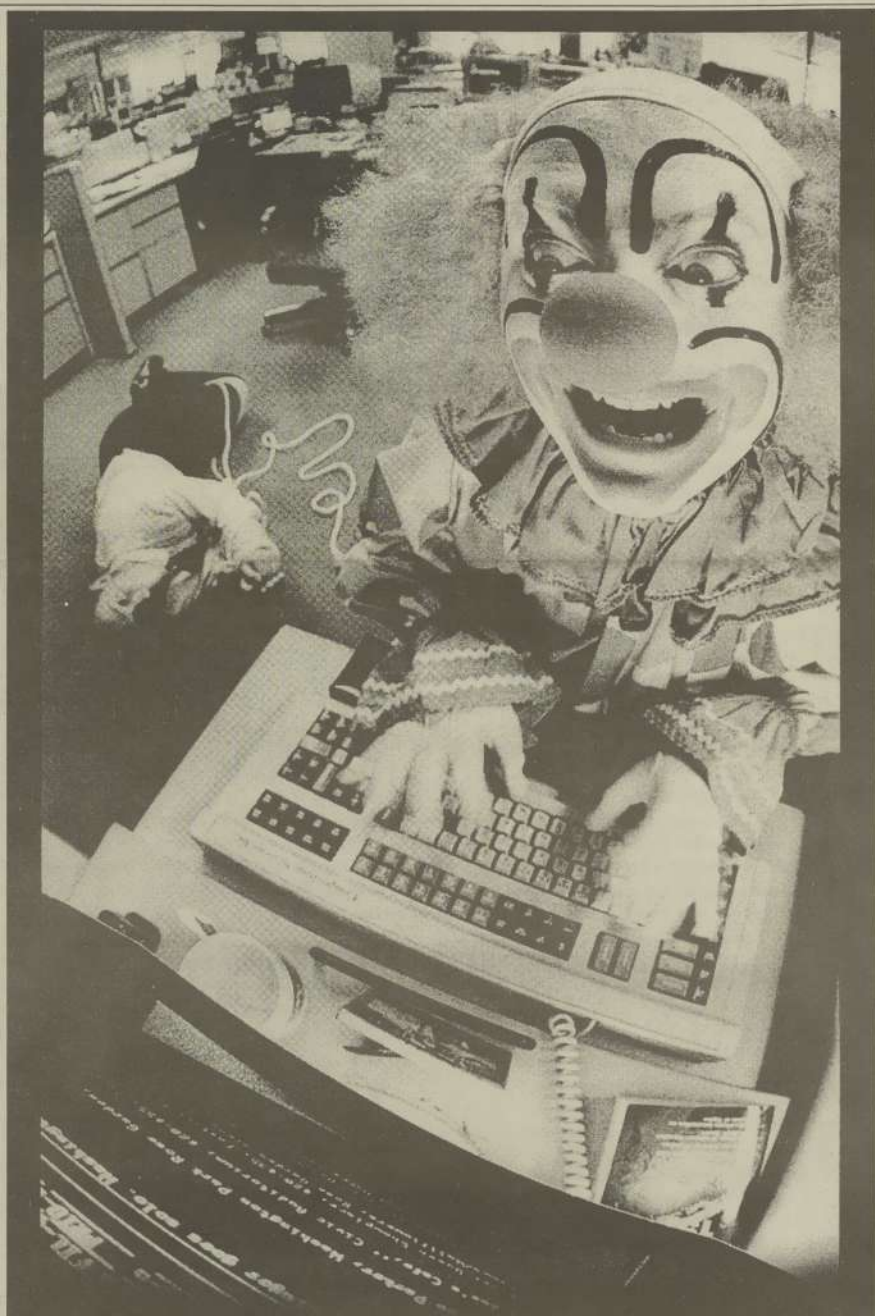
Williams Building Diagnostics Inc., a building enclosure consultant, has been monitoring the repairs. The buildings were covered with scaffolding and a covering sheath of plastic to prevent any more damage from rain.

No students have shown any reaction to the airborne spores, which occur naturally outdoors, according to Dirmm. The mold problem first came to the attention of the administration when Clackamas staff members complained of respiratory problems in 1996.

Some staff members have filed for Workers Compensation with the State of Oregon and the School Administration has hired a medical consultant to help with any health problems. Dirmm does not see any new health problems occurring.

“The air in Streeter Hall has fewer spores now than there are naturally outdoors.”

Cost for the repairs by Anderson Construction is guaranteed to be no more than \$3,700,000. Clackamas is seeking repair costs from the original contractors who built the buildings and the architects who designed them and are asking compensation from the insurance companies involved.



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