

DC trip just part of Boenisch's busy schedule



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ASG President Jacob Boenisch on the streets of Washington DC. Boenisch was in DC lobbying Congress.

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Jacob Boenisch continues to be a busy man in his first term as Associated Student Government president.

Every day Boenisch is balance this presidency with his other one—he's also president of the American Student Association of Community Colleges. Add this to full-time study in political science and a part-time job at J Crew, and you might come to the conclusion that Boenisch has bitten off more than he could chew.

"There's some strange behavior that allows me to be so busy," he said. "I always strive for excellence and make sure we meet people's needs. My main priorities are focused on campus."

Right now Boenisch, a 20-year-old from Oregon City, is working on coordinating a trip to Washington, DC, Mar. 7-10 with a few of his fellow Clackamas students. Many of Boenisch's responsibilities concern funding for community colleges and financial aid for their students. The DC trip could be a major step in this regard.

Boenisch's group will be lobbying to increase Pell Grant aid for students. Last summer the maximum Pell Grant was raised from \$2700 to \$3000. Boenisch would like to see it at \$5000.

The Higher Education Act is evaluated every five years and each program in the act is looked over "to see if it's pertinent," Boenisch said.

One of these programs is the State Student Incentive Grant, which helped to fund the \$2 million Oregon Need Grant—before the SSIG was cut from \$50 million. Student represen-

tatives will lobby to restore funding to its original level.

They're also trying to increase eligibility for students living on their own, Boenisch said. Many students have parents who make a lot of money, but don't pay for their children's education. Because these students have a high family income, they might slip through the cracks when it comes to financial aid. This will be another issue at the conference.

A journalism student will be going to DC, Boenisch said, to cover the trip for Clackamas and national press releases, as well as the CCC website.

"We're trying to run a business where we can be recognized," Boenisch said. "The best way to be recognized is to be widespread and known."

About 10 people from Clackamas will be going. The exact number depends upon the money the college allocates for the trip.

When he's not planning trips, Boenisch spends his time "constantly lobbying, sending out legislative updates, keeping track of funding levels." He wants to help students "learn how to get their way" in Congress.

Boenisch is planning on using this experience later in life. After getting his political science degree, he wants to go to law school, and become an advisor.

This may be a far cry from his earlier career choice—vulcanology—but Boenisch is happy with the way his life is progressing. He's being recognized on the national scene by political groups and student associations, and he's building a good foundation for a strong career.

"[You should concentrate on] what seems to be your forte," Boenisch said, "where most of your successes generate from."

For now, though, Boenisch will continue to split his time between his college life and improving the college life of those around him.

"The number one pleasure is seeing successes," he said.

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power outages. Ice started to weigh down trees and caused them to fall apart. Over 60,000 cubic feet of fallen branches and dead trees have been collected so far, according to city officials.

All of Clackamas' campuses were littered with dead branches. A couple small trees near the McLoughlin building were lost. A large oak at the Harmony Center was destroyed.

Some of the worst problems, though, came as the weather turned warm on

Tuesday. Ice in the trees began falling off in huge chunks. The already slippery ice was coated with water, making driving conditions worse than ever.

Problems continue as some rivers begin to flood. Also, smaller service areas have not yet had power restored. Compared to the millions who have lost power in Canada and New England, though, our damage is minimal. In a general sense, Clackamas is no worse for the wear—except for the students and instructors who must make up for lost class days.

An uprooted oak tree near Harmony center waits to be removed by plant services after being damaged by last Sunday's ice storm.



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Although mother nature wreaked quite a bit of havoc early last week, she also managed to produce some interesting artwork.



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FRC: buildings to reopen in spring, summer

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Reconstruction is scheduled to be completed by June of 1998.

Gregory Forum is in the final stages of reconstruction and is due to reopen in spring, said Dean of College Services Peter Angstadt. The Dye Learning Center, which houses the library, and Streeter Hall should also be finished in the summer of 1998.

"These are a lot of challenges about who is going to move back and where because things have changed quite a bit since we moved out of those buildings. I think it's coming together pretty nicely," said College President John Keyser.

Programs and Camp Fire Girl Child Care Services formerly at the FRC have moved to temporary locations

near the campus.

Child care services for children up to three years old are now near the entrance to the Kingsberry Heights Apartments, north of the campus at 14290 Marjorie Lane.

Child care services for four- to five-year-old children have been moved to the Fellowship Bible Church across Beaver Creek Road at 14228 South Maplelane Court.

The phone number for more information is 657-6683.

The adult and teen school programs formally in the FRC building, Life Career Options Program (LCOP) and Young Parents Opportunity Program (YPOP) are now located in modulars 8 and 9 near Randall Hall. For more information call 657-6958, ext. 2456.

Relocation info:

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