



Datatel: working for you

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thing, no matter what. In the course of moving to Datatel that solves our Year 2000 Problem," commented Rothi.

However, the transition to Datatel has not always been sweetness and light.

Clackamas originally had planned to have the entire move to Datatel completed by December of 1997, but the Datatel corporation pushed back the release of the latest software.

Students may be asking themselves, though, how the new Datatel system will affect them.

"Short-term, students are going to see a really different process in registration," said Rothi. "Right now, you do all your registration at the cashier's window. One of the things I see is students registering for their classes at the help center. Come June, we're going to try to move all the registration to telephone registration. But, you won't have to provide a credit card like it is right now — you'll be able to incur a balance and then you'll just have to pay the balance by a certain point to retain your seat in the class."

Also, in the future, registration for classes will be available via the World Wide Web along with the ability to request a transcript online, and possibly via a kiosk in the community center.

The total cost for the new Datatel system will be between \$1.2 and \$1.4 million dollars, according to Rothi. That includes the new software, hardware, training, consulting and outside programming needs.

Datatel is currently used by 350 to 400 schools around the world. According to Rothi the majority of those schools are located in the United States, but there are some users in Europe and Australia.



Reminder:

Day classes will be canceled tomorrow Thurs. Feb. 26 due to the Skills Contest.

News Briefs

The following recruiters are scheduled to be on campus in the Community Center: Today, UPS; Thursday, Feb. 26, Work Opportunity Fair in the Randall Gym from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.; Monday, March 2, RPS; Tuesday, March 3, Mt. St. Joseph Care Center; Wednesday, March 4, Airport Terminal Services; and Thursday, March 5, Kelly Assisted Living.

Two Clackamas English instructors will be holding a poetry reading at the Blackfish Gallery, 420 NW Ninth Avenue in Portland, Saturday, March 7, at 7 p.m. Diane Averill and James Grabill will read their new books. The event is free and open to the public.

Ushers are needed in exchange for free admission to "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof," playing in the McLoughlin Hall the evenings of Feb. 26-28, March 6-7, and the afternoon of March 8. For more information contact Alice Nelson in M112 or call ext. 2356.

Need money for child care expenses? Grant applications to help pay for child care during Spring term are now available. See Lela or Ann in the ASG offices, ext. 2245.

In honor of Women's History Week, History Instructor Jackie Flowers will present "Woman's Proper Place . . . from Adam's Rib to Power Suits" in a special Lunch and Learn session Tuesday, March 3, 12:30-1:30 p.m. in CC127. The event is sponsored by the Connections Program, and is free. Bring your lunch and come and hear Jackie Flowers' perspective on this topic. For more information, call Linda Vogt, coordinator, at ext. 2310.

Support ASG and buy a raffle ticket! They will be giving away a gift certificate for Stanford's and Albertson's, a Swiss Army knife, a watch and other items. Purchase tickets in the ASG office. ASG is raising money to send students to Washington DC to lobby for money for financial aid.

Get involved and volunteer for the Newell Creek Canyon Cleanup. Saturday, Feb. 28, students will meet at the college's bus turnaround at 8:30 a.m. and return time will be at 12:30 p.m. Sign up in CC140.

Volunteers are needed to tutor adults in reading and writing approximately two hours a week. Contact Joe VanZutphen at ext.2724.

Letter to the editor suggests information was inaccurate

To : Christine Mueller and Brad Zimmerman
Co Editors in Chief

Re : Toni McMichael's article, "Baby Taken without Cause".

Wednesday, February 18, 1998

The article, "Baby Taken Without Cause", in our paper of Wednesday, February 18, 1998 is seriously flawed and full of errors and misconceptions. The author, Toni McMichael is misinformed and thus has misinformed your readers.

SOSCF, (State Offices Services to Children & families) is established by Law and Statutes strictly governing their operations, procedures and practices. Therefore, any taken into custody from it's parental home is governed by the concept of probable cause much like the police in making an arrest. When a CHILD is taken into protective custody from a parental home there must be a hearing before a Juvenile Court Judge within Twenty four hours of that action. The alle-

gations of probable cause must be set forth according to the law governing same. In Oregon all child care providers are required by law to report suspected CHILD abuse including CHILD neglect. This includes social agencies, mental health, medical facilities, schools and all other health care providers.

McMichael's article is biased, reflects prejudice, filled with innuendo and not based on factual experience or LAW. As such, McMichael does a disservice to Clackamas Community College students, many whom are voting citizens, parents or potential parents of children and students who may be considering careers in the field of Child Welfare.

I write as a former Administrator of the Marion County Juvenile Department, a Child Welfare Worker with over twenty years experience, a retired Licensed Clinical Social worker and a student currently enrolled at Clackamas Community College.

Richard E. McDevitt

Criminal Justice Careers Day

Friday, March 6 ▼ 9:00 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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Attend Career Workshops on:
Parole and Probation ▼ Law Enforcement
Correctional Institutions

Meet with representatives from law enforcement agencies, correctional institutions, detention and jail facilities, juvenile and adult probation and parole programs and various special service fields at the career fair.

Registration is available from 9 - 9:30 a.m. at Rice Auditorium on March 6.

For more information and pre-registration, call (503) 838-8193.

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