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Rock the Vote invades campus seeking voters

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Everyone has the right to vote, but not everyone takes advantage of it. To help encourage more students to vote, Associated Student Government (ASG) on Oct. 5, 6, and 7, sponsored Rock The Vote.

The goal of Rock The Vote, a nationwide organization, is to raise student awareness about candidates by bringing them to local colleges and universities. It advocates students' voting rights and participation in the election process by offering the opportunity to register to vote.

"I think it's important to get to know your candidates...what issues they stand for, where they stand on those issues, and how their beliefs on those issues impact the community," said Shelly Walker, ASG Senator.

With the collaboration of ASG President David LeDoux, Legisla-

tive Officer Christine Reed and Senator Shelly Walker, many speakers were able to attend the Clackamas Community College campus and offer their views and opinions. They addressed such issues as their hopes for education in the future, and what contributions they could bring to the office for which they were campaigning.

Lynn Snodgrass, a Republican congresswoman from Boring, encourages more involvement and investment in community colleges.

"I believe community colleges shouldn't be afraid to be more challenging and not feel as though they have to hold students back because they aren't as highly funded as high

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Lynn Snodgrass

schools or universities," she said Wednesday morning, Oct. 7, in the outdoor forum.

Although the audience was small at first, it quickly grew as more representatives approached the podium and made their views on the state of education known. Some speakers that appeared throughout the duration of the three-day event were Bill Sizemore, David Mayfield, Roger Beyer, and Ken Libbey.

The results of Rock The Vote were quite beneficial in the opinion of the ASG members involved. The event produced over

300 registered voters. This means that the movement of younger voters could be 300 voices stronger if they do decide to stand up, be heard, and literally "Rock the Vote."



"Here Comes Everybody" played at Wednesdays BBQ. TIMOTHY A. BELL / Clackamas Print

Instructors are finalists for Oregon Book Awards

James Grabill and Diane Averill are in the running while their books of poetry sell out at Portland bookstore.



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Diane Averill speaks during one of her writing classes.

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Writing, according to Diane Averill, Clackamas English and poetry instructor, is a process of discovery. Although she has been writing for over twenty years, Averill learns something new each time she produces with a new poem.

Poems, Clackamas writing instructor James Grabill points out, create a lyrical experience. A poem, to Grabill, is a painting of music.

What do these two writers have in common? They both have written books which are finalists for the Oregon Book Award. *Listening to the Leaves Form*, a synesthetic title, is Grabill's new masterpiece, and Averill has once again blessed the poetry world with her book, *Beautiful Obstacles*.

A recent visit to Powell's Books in Portland proved how fortunate Clackamas is to have these two instructors teaching here. The bookstore, usually exhaustive, was sold out of every Averill and Grabill book they had.

On the other hand, said Averill, "I don't write for money." Writing, she said, is like crime—it doesn't pay.

Many children ask their mothers, "Where do babies come from?" A similar and equally mystified question would be, "Where do poems come from?"

Grabill answered this question from the teachings of Carl Jung, who talked about the "collective unconscious." Grabill often goes running, and while he runs, words

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Gameroom set to play again

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The game room, in hibernation while the water intrusion reconstruction forced a shortage of classrooms and office space, is set to reopen October 21 at noon, said ASG President David LeDoux.

The game room will be located in new quarters, room 101 of Randall Hall, in the northeast corner on the ground floor. Randall Hall also houses the gym, the ath-

letic department and the music department on the second floor.

"There will be a party to welcome people at lunchtime on the 21," said LeDoux. "We will be giving away free pizza."

The game room has been renamed The Cougar's Den in honor of the school's mascot.

LeDoux mentioned that Jeremy Nation, the ASG Campus Activities Officer, "has done an extremely good job of getting this thing off the ground and in opera-

tion."

Along with Nation, LeDoux thanked James Gould and Matt Darling for their efforts at cleaning up the room and getting the pool tables in shape, as well as the other members of the ASG for their efforts.

The Cougar's Den will have two pool tables, a jukebox, pinball machines, arcade games. The ASG is seeking donations of furniture at this time as well as money to buy a foosball table.

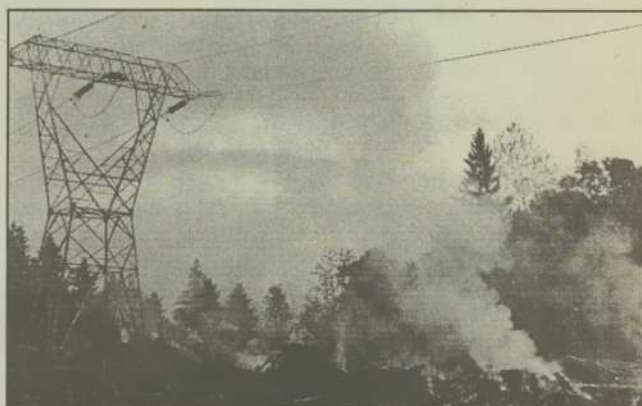
Smoke gets in their eyes

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When Clackamas students arrived on campus last Wednesday, many had trouble breathing. The combination of burning in a field adjacent to the campus, and the direction of the wind, had created an oppressive, smoke-filled environment.

"A bunch of us were just running around the track... we were just coughing and having trouble breathing," said Kyle Blixhavn, Senator-at-Large for the ASG, attending Ms. Mikeleton's Health for Life class on Wednesday morning.

In the opinion of several Clackamas employees, there was



Fires burn in open field next to Campus. KARL KATZKE / Clackamas Print

no reason that the campus should have been open Wednesday. "The smoke was just as bad inside the building as outside," one commented. Unfortunately, these employees declined to comment publicly.

Sarah Simmons, the secretary in the Dean of College Services office, has asthma, and was severely affected by the smoke in asthmatic would have had problems," Simmons said.

Liz Goulard, the dean of instructional services, was contacted by Kirk Pearson regarding the problem early Wednesday morning. When she arrived on campus at 8 a.m., she walked the campus and the buildings and decided against canceling any classes. "The smoke that had settled overnight was clearing by that time... It was still in the buildings, but it got better as the day went on."

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