

SB 428 comes to a halt

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The Students' Bill of Rights (SB 428) fought its way to the committee, but died on the table.

According to Gary Carlson, executive vice president of Associated Industries of Oregon (AOI), the goals for SB 428 were to: reduce the high school dropout rate, accelerate educational achievement, and provide more educational options for young people. Minnesota, Washington, and Colorado have already enacted similar bills.

According to Minnesota's Legislative Auditor's Office, regarding the 10-year-old post-secondary enrollment options program, there have been "few problems, and many benefits." There was a 97% satisfaction rate for students and parents involved in the program.

The study also showed the

main reasons students participated in the program: to get a head start on college credits, to save money, and to take challenging or otherwise unavailable courses. The program participants met higher admission standards and generally earned higher grades than students in regular post-secondary programs, except at technical colleges.

According to Jeanne Allen, president of the Center for Education Reform, the United States Education System is still at risk regarding excellence in education.

In 1987, a report called "Education in Oregon, the Business View" showed that 46% of AOI members felt primary and secondary schools did a fair job of providing basic reading, writing, and math skills, while 12% felt schools did their job poorly in these basic areas. Reasons cited were insufficient attention to the basics at the elementary level,

schools demanding too little of students, and parental indifference.

The program would have promoted teachers and educators, while ending promotion of students' talents. This would create a problem for students due to lack of recognition. This is one of the main perceived shortcomings of the bill. If students feel their talents aren't recognized then less might will be accomplished.

The basic concept of the program was for high school students to attend an alternative higher education institution and also earn concurrent college credits toward an advanced degree.

On Feb. 3 a hearing was held at the state capitol regarding SB 428. Argument in favor of SB 428 was heard. On Feb. 8 a hearing was held against SB 428. At the end of the hearing an outcome of "no vote, no pass" echoed through hearing room B.

Spring Registration starts soon

Early Spring registration for returning students begins Tuesday, Feb. 23.

Students currently enrolled at Clackamas who are returning for Spring Term may register Feb. 23 through March 7. They may register by telephone, mail, fax or in person from 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, and 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Fridays, in the Community Center.

Open registration for all other students and programs begins March 8. Registration for driver's education begins at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 17. Spring Term classes begin Monday,

March 29.

Telephone registration is available from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. seven days a week. The telephone registration option costs \$3 per term for unlimited use. In addition to registration, students will be able to make changes in their schedule, review the selected class choices or make payment choices.

Instructions for touch tone telephone registration can be found in Clackamas' Spring Schedule of Classes, which will be mailed to all district residents soon.

For more registration information, call 657-6958, ext. 2770.

Childcare 'Media Day' to raise money

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The Associated Student Government is holding a "Childcare Media Day" on February 18 from 10 am to 3 pm in coordination with the CCOSAC (Community Colleges of Oregon Student Associations and Commissions).

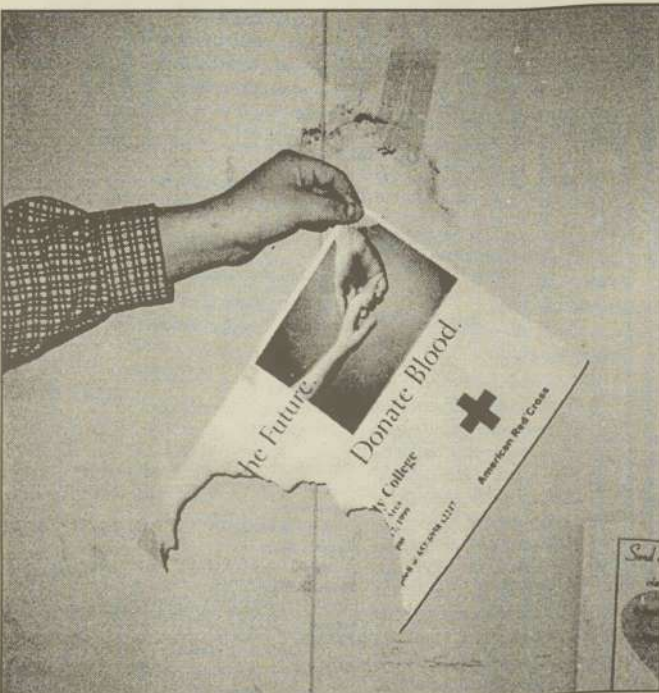
Events include a phone-in to Oregon State Legislature about the raising costs of childcare. The event will be held from the U. S.

Sprint tent that will be set up next to the bus circle. Sprint is also providing the telephone service.

"As citizens of a common nation, it is our responsibility to voice what we feel important for the good of each person," said Paul Creighton, event coordinator.

An ASG Bar-B-Q will also be held at noon that day, outside of the Community Center. Every student that calls in to a legislator will be given a free ticket to that Bar-B-Q, good for one hamburger.

Red Cross Posters Vandalized



ASG Vice President Brian Fuentes, above, displays the damage to one of the three posters that were burnt by an unknown vandal Monday, Feb. 8.

The posters, left, were promoting today's Blood Drive which will be held in the Randall Hall lobby.

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