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Spiraling her way to the top: Rankin is ASG President

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I caught Jennifer Rankin last Friday to ask her plans for the year that begins when she takes office as ASG President on June 11, and she invited me to tag along while she ran errands in her sea-green pickup, talking a mile a minute all the while.

"I want to put the student back into student government, to hold ASG members to higher standards on their grades, than athletes even...I'm not going to put too much on my plate, classwise, because doing a good job doesn't mean doing a whole bunch of things half well."

She anticipates carrying on most of the existing ASG programs. She's had thoughts about the Cougar Classic Basketball Tournament to other sports, opening up the Washington D.C. trip to students outside ASG—"They'd have to raise funds for their own trips, but we could share fundraising events"—and initiating a Drug and Alcohol Awareness Week in October.

"Since it's not a legislative year, I think we can get a lot accomplished. 'Cause when you're representing somebody it starts at home."

She wants to build communication. "We'll give all the ASG members buttons or T-shirts and notepads. They'll still have to put time in the office, but they'll be visible around campus, approaching people, asking questions. Mike Caudle [ASG President, 1996-1997, 1997-1998] did something like that and it worked very well."

She intends to keep meeting through the summer with those students interested in amending the Associated Student's Constitution and revising the ASG by-laws, and expects to hold a Constitutional Convention next year to address the concerns raised.

"I think I want to be a constitutional scholar. I love the Federal Constitution. Honors Constitution is my favorite class," enthused Rankin.

Rankin grew up in Heppner, in Eastern Oregon. During long school bus rides, she learned to appreciate the beauty of the world.

"My heart will always be in those mountains. They're like my parents...they nurtured me. They taught me how beautiful everything I can't change and control is," she said.

She's competed in track and appreciates Clackamas' athletic programs.

"Aristotle's right—you need to condition your mind and your body. You can't fix

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Childcare Senator Jennifer Rankin has been elected ASG President for the 1999-2000 school year. Rankin is actively involved in track and takes several honors classes here at Clackamas.

James Gould: overcoming the obstacles of life to attain his goals

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Life can be tough when you're three years old, playing under a tree with your brother, and a large branch falls on you. It can make life pretty hard thereafter.

"The tree branch fell on me and crushed

my skull," said James Gould, calm and assured while speaking about his past.

Gould is the newly elected Associated Student Government vice-president. His life has been an uphill climb ever since that day. He was in a hospital for 59 days, four of them in a coma.

"They said I wouldn't live," said Gould. But he came back and since then he's been

dealing with his disability as well as he can.

"The right side of the brain controls the left side; it affected my left arm and I can't use my left hand very well," he said.

Three years after the accident, the family moved to Oregon City from Gilroy, California in the Santa Clara Valley near San Jose. The family has lived in the same house ever since. Gould attended Carus Elementary

School, Ackerman Middle School and Canby High School. He was active in high school by going to the rallies and the football games, dances and participated in school spirit days.

He was teased by the some of the kids in grade school, "bullies," he called them, but

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