

Abandoned bunnies fend for life, shelter, food

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So you're taking 16 credit hours, working part-time and trying to survive? You think you have it bad? Try being an abandoned bunny like me.

People abandoned me behind the Environmental Learning Center. I wish they had taken me to the Humane Society or an animal shelter where I would have had a good home. Instead I was put here to fend for myself.

I have made a lot of friends. There are about 30 of us. Our favorite place to hang out used to be the arboretum. We liked to eat the bark off the fruit trees. Now, however, the humans have put fences around the trees. They didn't like us to eat the bark; they said it killed the trees. Now what are we supposed to eat? It's not like we can just run to 7-11 like you students. We try to eat the plants in the nursery but now they're off limits too.

Not only do they not feed us,

they are trying to trap us too. They want us out. They say we are domestic and we do not belong here. The learning center is a place for wild life, not us domestic bunnies. So they are trying to trap us and take us to the petting zoo.

It hasn't worked though. I know about the traps. Last week there was a stray cat in one. I was happy they caught it; now it will not eat my babies. I overheard them talking about purchasing a scent that is supposed to attract us to the traps. It might work if I'm hungry enough; my nose might lead me astray.

So life as a bunny is pretty rough—there's hunting for food everyday, dodging cars and trying to stay away from the stray cats. The only nice and easy part about life is when little kids come and feed me.

If you are interested in adopting a bunny, please contact the Environmental Learning Center at 657-6958 ext. 2351.



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Autumn Youngberg, two year old daughter of Clackamas student, Erica Youngberg, feeds a bunny at the ELC. She was extremely comfortable with her new friend "bunnyman" as she called him. Rabbits are a common site at the ELC. People have been leaving their pets on ELC property which endangers the natural habitat.

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Marty Leggett, president of the Western Oregon Rottweiler Klub [WORK], and "Cera" took second place in their division at the competition held at Clackamas Oct. 8-10. "Cera" was born May 4 and competed in the four to six month old category. WORK is one of ten national breeding organizations that are a part of the United States Rottweiler Club [USRC].

Erich Konigsberger, a native of Austria, has been judging conformation in Rottweilers under the FCI for 14 years and has held the position of Kormeister for the Austrian Rottweiler Club for 2 years.

Dogs are judged based on general appearance (including specific qualifications for each body part), character and behavior. Each dog must also pass four different tests: The group, the gun, attack out of the blind and the courage test. If a dog fails one test then he/she is not allowed to proceed in the competition.

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Phi Theta Kappa hosts annual Western Leadership Conference

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Two awards were presented to Alpha Xi Zeta, Clackamas' Phi Theta Kappa chapter of honor society this weekend as they hosted the annual Western Leadership Conference.

A first place award for the mock chapter exercise was given to Clackamas Sunday morning after the regional business meeting.

The mock chapter exercise occurred Saturday from 1:30-7 p.m. It was led by regional student officers. Each group completed an awards packet which included essays for a list of completed awards, and developing a calendar of events applying to the awards. This exercise simulates the national and regional competitions which occur throughout the year.

There are 20 regional awards and 250 international awards in which each chapter competes throughout the year.

The second plaque was presented to Clackamas for hosting the event.

Approximately 50 Phi Theta Kappa members from Oregon and Utah attended this conference Oct. 8-10, representing 10 schools.

"I think it went well," said Kate Gray, Clackamas' Phi Theta Kappa advisor.

Dr. Thomas Jones, Clackamas instructor of the Small Business Development Center at Harmony and a nationally recognized futurist, was the keynote speaker on Saturday evening. His topic was "Technology and the New Millennium."

"He was terrific," said Gray

Dr. Dean Darris, social science instructor and advisor of Clackamas' Honors College, also spoke this weekend.

The topics addressed were leadership, scholarship, fellowship and service. Training was provided for new officers and advisors. Talk was about chapter development, motivating members, organizing chapters and how to be successful as a chapter through out the year at the competitions.

After the programs ended Saturday night, stargazing, board games and Karaoke were provided for student enjoyment.

"We all feel very prepared for the year and excited," said Gray after the weekend was complete.

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