

McLoughlin elevator reopens after 9 months

After six weeks of drilling and repairs students and staff can return to their regular scheduled classrooms

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Tired of carrying your heavy bags up the stairs in McLoughlin Hall? The elevator is now up and running, after closing for repairs nearly nine months ago.

Many problems were caused by the loss of the elevator: disabled students and staff were unable to get to the classrooms and offices on the second floor of the building; the theater department and bookstore were unable to retrieve big items from the storage rooms in the basement; and office supplies had to be taken up the stairs to the offices. But these problems should be over now that the elevator is repaired.

While attempting to repair the elevator last summer, an underground stream was discovered, according to Kirk Pearson, director of plant services. This water was corroding

the hydraulic jack, the mechanism that controls the movement of the elevator.

Nearly six weeks ago drilling began to place a protective sleeve into the elevator shaft to protect the hydraulic jack from corrosion. The drilling was quite a process as the company had to erect a drill rig into the elevator shaft, then drill in the confined space. This took approximately four weeks according to Pearson.

After the drilling was complete the Millar Elevator Service Company was able to place the cylinder into the elevator.

This process took about two weeks; however it is now secure and ready for use. The Millar Elevator Service Company termed this type of work a 100 year repair.

"There's a steel casing that has a plate welded at the bottom. Inside that you've got a plastic liner, and inside of that you've got your elevator jack,"



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The McLoughlin elevator, which has been closed since April 1999, reopened last week. Drilling was needed to place a protective cylinder around the hydraulic jack in order to prevent corrosion.

explained Pearson, of the new cylinder.

"So the water that is down there is going to have to work

hard to get in there."

With the elevator up and running, classes can meet in their regularly-scheduled rooms and

students can feel free to take a break from carrying books up and down the stairs by riding in the elevator for a change.

Budget cuts reduce Public Safety officers; not expected to impact their performance

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Clackamas Public Safety forces have been reduced in recent years due to campus budget restrictions, but the reductions are not expected to impact performance.

Still, students and staff are encouraged to call emergency services before they inform Public Safety of the crisis.

"If you have an emergency, call 9-1-1, then call Public Safety," said Chief of Public Safety Larry

Dexheimer.

Public Safety's role on campus is primarily addressing crimes that happen on campus.

"We enforce parking regulations, we handle lost and found property... thefts... and car break-ins," said Dexheimer.

Public Safety's staffing policies are being changed to reflect this role.

"I think in the future what we'll be hiring rather than armed officers will be security-type officers, that is, one without a weapon, but they have the

state mandated training for security training, that kind of thing," said Dexheimer.

Graveyard shift Public Safety patrols have been eliminated, also due to budgetary constraints.

"We're in discussions now with Oregon City Police Department... they keep an eye on the place at night," said Dean of Student Services Peter Angstadt.

So far, no change has been noticed by students or staff members who use Public Safety's services on a regular basis. Roni Wilhelm works the late shift in the Help Center, and says that she hasn't noticed any difference in safety.

"I always call [Public Safety] and have them walk me out... but I don't have any problem feeling safe," said Wilhelm.

If you have an emergency, call 911, then call Public Safety.

Larry Dexheimer
Chief of Public Safety



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College to be on the air

Nash Carey and others from Clackamas' new radio broadcasting class discuss their new radio station which will be broadcast over television on TCI cable channel 53.

Dedicated to equipping students for careers in radio broadcasting, the station will be organized, designed and run by students of the new radio broadcasting class now offered at Clackamas.

Students will learn the fundamentals of radio, radio news style, media relations and other valuable information.

Fire and rescue responds again



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In a second incident within a week, Oregon City Emergency personnel responded last Friday when a Clackamas student who had a medical history of heart problems complained of shortness of breath. The student, whose identity was withheld, was taken to Good Samaritan Hospital as a precaution, and later released. Only a week before, 911 was called and emergency vehicles responded when student Brian Trapp collapsed and later died in the Barlow parking lot. For more about Brian Trapp, see page 8.

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