

ASG attends conference in Washington D.C.

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Spring break is over; that means back to school for all of us. My spring break was a success and I believe it was also a success for you, the students of Clackamas Community College.

As you may remember I, with four others from Clackamas, recently went to the American Student Association of Community Colleges (ASACC) conference in Washington D.C.

I feel we did a great job representing the values and things that affect Clackamas students everyday. We accomplished a lot during our time in Washington. I attended all sections of the workshops and got a lot of valuable information that helped me talk to our senators about the things that matter most to you, things like increasing the Pell Grants from \$3,300 to \$3,700 and increasing the amount of the Childcare grants that CCC students and students from across Oregon receive.

While in Washington, I was able to see what other community colleges were doing to help students on their campuses. I mixed with people from Connecticut, California, Oregon and Utah, to name just a few.

The conference was not just about working. It was also about exploring our nation's capital and the history behind every door



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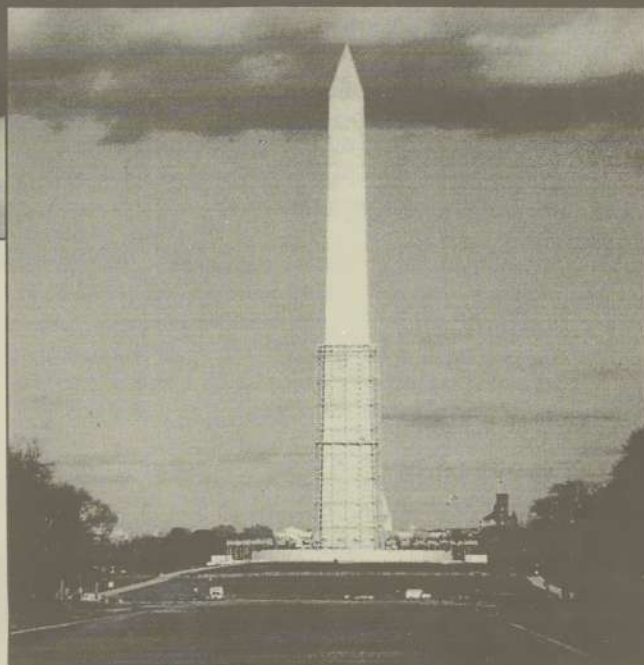
A PCC student, Mariah Kreinheder, Bryan Fuentes and James Gould attend the student government conference in Washington D.C.

and space. It was about having fun and excitement, while learning at the same time, in my opinion. When you really want to know what's going on at your school and what your student government is doing for you, just ask me and anyone who is a member of the Associated Student Government (ASG)- they will tell you all that's happening.

Next year, I plan to push to in-

crease the Pell Grant again so that students don't have to go into debt by taking loans. I want students to have the same chance I had for my education.

So, the next time the student government tries to help you out, applaud them for their efforts because they are not just here for the tuition waiver; they are here because they care deeply for your success.



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