

Epstein Endowment reflects a love of books



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Dr. Donald Epstein, who recently retired from Clackamas after decades of teaching history, has dedicated an endowment to the college to support the library—so it may purchase books, above the normal budget, as needed in the future.

Books are very important to Epstein.

"I'm in favor of students reading; they get enough movies and television..., but you really can't

learn until you read," he said.

Epstein has been on the library committee for many years and has contributed money in the past for the Judaic history section of the library.

"Dr. Epstein has been a real, true scholar for the college and we wanted to remember and recognize him," said Dave Dickson, Foundation head. "When we asked him what he would like to create as a legacy for the college, immediately he said books."

The endowment was Epstein's idea.

"I worked for Clackamas for 30 years and was grateful for the time spent there and thought that I would give something back," said the teacher.

Epstein and his wife have made an initial contribution to the endowment fund and said they would match any funds that staff or students contribute to the fund by May 31, 2000. The en-

dowment will be named after Epstein.

About 100 endowments have been established over the years for scholarships and other programs that support the college. In the Gregory Forum, there are plaques and stories honoring each person for whom an endowment has been named, and Dickson hopes Epstein will allow the Foundation to place a plaque there for him too.

"We want to get a picture of him," said Dickson, "and tell a little about why he set it up, so that 50 years from now the students will know what the initial idea behind the endowment was."


Over the last year, the Foundation, through estate and other gifts and pledges, has brought in over five million dollars for endowments and for campus facilities, such as the Haggart Observatory and the Family Resource Center.

"It (Foundation money) goes out for a variety of things," Dickson explained. "A lot of it is for student scholarships and emergency grants; another whole section of it is for what we call 'funds for excellence'. Epstein's fund is what we would call funds for excellence, because the fund goes to improve an instructional area.

"I find it really gratifying: not only do we support very good causes, but the people who get the most out of the gift in many cases are the donors, because of the satisfaction they get knowing that they have made a difference."

To contribute to the fund, donors should make checks out to Clackamas Community College Foundation in the name of the Dr. Donald Epstein Endowment.

The foundation, like Epstein, will match the first \$3,000 dollars raised.



ASG Elections 2000
May 10-12

Online voting @
www.clackamas.cc.or.us
Thur.-Fri. at your leisure.

Or visit Admissions @
Student Outreach in the Community Center.
Thur. 10:30a.m.-6:30p.m.
Fri. 8:00a.m.-4:00p.m.

Absentee votes must be received by Wed. 9:00p.m.

Remember all voting ends Friday @ 4:00p.m.

German students experience America through Clackamas Community College

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German students from Hanover and Stadthagen are visiting Clackamas from April 25-May 16, taking a closer look at Clackamas' classrooms, teachers and students as well as American culture.

Clackamas students have been sent over to Germany for several years, but an official exchange program with 'Berufsbildende Schule 5', a technical school located in Hanover, was first established about two years ago. It is the only German exchange program on campus and gives American as well as German students an opportunity to get to know one another's culture.

"It's a great opportunity for our students to practice their German and the German students get to see real American culture," explained Dick Stones, German Instructor.

This year, Clackamas is hosting two different groups of German students, although one of them is participating in the official exchange program. This

group includes nine students, one teacher, the school principal and his wife. So far, they have been sight-seeing and, of course, visiting Clackamas' classrooms. Principal Guenther Tiedt, who is visiting the U.S. for the third time, has realized some differences between Berufsbildende Schule 5 and Clackamas.

"I realized that students and teachers here have a different relationship with one another. It's much more relaxed and respectful. I was really impressed when I watched a handicapped student in a wheelchair playing basketball with the others. You probably wouldn't see something like that in Germany," confessed Tiedt. "I also have to say that people here are very generous and the countryside is just beautiful," Tiedt continued.

There definitely are differences between Germany and the U.S., not only in culture and countryside, but also the food is slightly different. Folker Pfennig, English teacher in Hanover, has tried root beer recently, a piece of American culture that does not exist in Ger-



German exchange students on campus get a feel for American life.

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THE Visitor Liesl Muggli and Maggie Jirasek



many.

"I had tried it one time before about 20 years ago, but I totally forgot what it tasted like," Pfennig confessed. "I was really thirsty so I thought,

let's give it a try. To me it tasted kind of funny, more like moth balls, but all the other food here is great," Pfennig continued.

The German students will be staying until May 15, and in re-

turn Clackamas students will visit Germany in June and get a chance to learn something about their culture. Maybe they can find a drink that tastes like deodorant.

5th Annual Environmental Week

Daily Events and Activities

Friday May 19th

- Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle R u m - image Sale hosted by Phi Theta Kappa in the Community Center. 9:00a.m.-3:00p.m.

Saturday May 20th

- Newell Creek Watershed Volunteer Project sponsored by Phi Theta Kappa & HEEL.

- Native Plant Sale @ John Inskeep Environmental Learning Center.

Monday May 22nd

- Native American Drum Entrance 11:00a.m.

- Ron Tonkin Electric Bikes

- ELC Tours

Band: High Desert Surf

Tuesday May 23rd

- NW Steelheaders
- Metro Composting Workshop

Band: You Sink My Battleship!

Wednesday May 24th

- HEEL Bar-B-Que 11:00a.m.-1:00p.m.
- Life for a Life Presentation CC 127 11:30a.m.-12:00p.m.

- Ron Tonkin Electric Bikes

- ELC Tours

Band: W.W.W.D. Jazz Ensemble

Thursday May 25th

- Hawk Haven Special Presentation Sky-light Dining Room 11:00a.m.-12:00p.m.

Band: Mainstream Jazz

Friday May 26th

- Lost Forest Field Trip Life Sciences Department
- Pacific Green Party
- Environmental Fun & Games for Kids @ ELC

Band: The Sugar Daddies

Saturday May 27th

- Native American Pow-Wow Randall Gym 12:00p.m.-7:00p.m.
- Channel Light Band @ Community Center Courtyard 12:00p.m.-1:00p.m.

For more information about Environmental week contact Ken Eshelman at 657-6958 ext. 2245.

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