

Intel aids microelectronics program

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A partnership with Intel has given the Microelectronics System Technology Program at Clackamas Community College a boost this year.

The two-year, Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree program prepares graduates for entry-level jobs in the field of microelectronics that may pay up to \$40,000 a year. Additionally, many of the credits are transferable to the Oregon Institute of Technology (O.I.T.), which offers four-year degrees in electrical engineering and manufacturing technology. Yet in spite of numerous advantages to the degree pro-

gram, it didn't attract many students its first year, 1999.

"We didn't have the money necessary to push forward the program," explained Department Chair of Manufacturing Technology, Scott Giltz. "We needed someone who had the time to promote it."

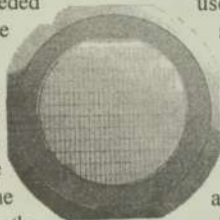
Then last summer, Intel, the world's largest producer of microchips, came to the college to see what it could do to help the college recruit students for the program, Giltz said. By the year 2015, Intel plans to hire 6,600 new workers for its Hillsboro plant. Intel has indicated that most of these new workers will have to come from out-

side the state unless more Oregon residents become trained.

As a result of Intel's visit, the college applied for and received a grant from the Semiconductor Workforce Consortium (SWC). The money was

used to buy commercial spots on television in August and September and to pay salary and benefits for a new faculty position.

The classrooms are full this year, and Giltz credits "heightened awareness" for the increase in enrollment. He also considers Sanda Nedelcu, the new instructor from Romania, the "champion of the program" that was needed.



New look, new food, new mood

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Hungry students looking for lunch will find lots of exciting new changes in the cafeteria. Along with a long-needed remodel have come a new food service company and an innovative new manager.

Remodeling took place this summer, with the goal of opening up the once dark cafeteria to more light. New linoleum lines the cashier stands. The drinks were moved to the old salad bar area instead of being a space-hogging island in the middle of the room.

But not all the changes were to the space itself. Gone is the heaping plate of salad for \$2.99, traded instead for a weighed dish of greens at 25 cents per ounce. Gone too is the burrito bar and Pacific Rim cuisine. In its place is a new sandwich bar, homemade soup station and espresso machine.

Perhaps the biggest change of all is the new manager. New to her company and new to the college, Anne Grassi is no stranger to change. She was hired in August by Fine Host, our new food service provider, to run the day-to-day operations at Clackamas. This daunting task of making over 1000 meals a day did not overwhelm Grassi.

"I came with the background of being a chef and catering manager at the Mallory Hotel downtown, so the numbers didn't frighten me," she explained.

Almost everything in the cafeteria is made from scratch, using seasonally fresh ingredients, from the two daily soups and entrees to the pizza specials and ever-changing wraps.

"I have never been one to cook from a can," Grassi stated.

Born in the United States, Grassi was raised in the Milan region of Italy, where food is an integral part of daily life. She returned to the U.S. in 1969 with a deep affection for the kitchen.

"I definitely got my love of good food and cooking from my family," Grassi said.

Her new position as manager keeps her out of the kitchen for now, but she has a lot of confidence in her new, handpicked staff.

"It's new for everyone here, but it has been working out really well," she said.

The Fine Host staff also benefits from the new association with the college. Patricia Gutierrez is a cashier for the company as well as a student in the advanced English Studies program at CCC.

"I save time," Gutierrez commented. "I study in the morning



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and work in the afternoon."

Don't expect the changes to stop any time soon. Grassi said that working with Fine Host gives her a lot of flexibility with the menu, and, along with head Chef Chris Mayhew, she is preparing to take off with it. More sandwich toppings and more salad ideas are just the beginning of an on-going process to expand choices in the cafeteria.

Grassi plans to add a few more healthy alternatives to the menu. Expect to see fresh fruit smoothies popping up, along with more vegetarian and vegan (egg and dairy-free vegetarian cuisine) meal options.

"We have endless possibilities here," Grassi said, describing her vision. Eventually, she would like to add made-to-order pastas to the lineup. But don't worry--not everything will be turned to tofu and sprouts. The most popular order to the grill?

"That would still have to be the hamburger and fries," remarked line cook James Wrathall.

Rippey: service set for Saturday

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Linda Davis, a cashier at the college, has known Rippey for 16 years. She remembered her as "outspoken and so supportive of everything that CCC stands for; she gave so much of herself both inside and outside of the college."

Davis knew Rippey outside of the college through Rippey's volunteer work with the Riders of the Cascades, a horse club.

"Her knowledge and experiences over in financial aid will be a tremendous loss," Davis commented. "Her death is a real shock and she will be greatly missed."

A memorial fund has been established in Ruth Rippey's name through the college foundation office. If you would like to contribute to the fund contact Suzy

Alexander at 503-657-6958 ext. 2401.

Rippey is survived by her husband, R. Wayne, two daughters, and four grandchildren.

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Wheelathon takes over gym

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Randall Hall's gymnasium was filled with shouts and laughter Saturday as WOW, Winners-On-Wheels, celebrated their annual wheelathon.

WOW, a group for children between the ages of four and 15, is a group formed for children who "must use wheelchairs at least part time for mobility," according to their literature.

Meetings, which occur twice a month, give them a chance to work on crafts, sports, community services, safety, and other projects. Additionally, the children are given the opportunity to interact with each other and increase their levels of independence.

Bethany Maughan, while watching her daughter navigate the gymnasium in a mobile-prone stander, explained why she and her three-year old daughter, Makalan, flew down from Spokane for the event.

"This is a great opportunity for her to meet other kids," she said.

The stander, which allows children to move about on wheels from a standing position, had just been given to Maughan by one of the other parents. Teryl Hoffmann-Figgins, WOW leader, often puts parents who have wheelchairs that their children have outgrown in touch with parents who have need of that size wheelchair.

The wheelathon started with tennis lessons on College courts.

Then the kids and parents enjoyed a potluck before going to the gymnasium to play wheelchair soccer. This game, which at times resembles a gigantic free-for-all, drew participants from WOW members as well as able-bodied guests who wanted to experience playing sports in a wheelchair.

Oregon Congressional candidate, Brian Boquist, was in the middle of the fray. He received firsthand experience in some of the problems disabled people encounter.

Following the soccer, Steven Roberts, a four-year-old golfer from Vancouver, Wash., demonstrated his golf skills. Steven, who has been playing golf since he was two, will be flying to California in November to play in a benefit tournament for the Osteogenesis Imperfecta Foundation.

The WOW event ended with wheelchair races. Kelly Abbott, a student at Clackamas, watched her ten-year-old son, Zachary, as he raced around the court followed closely by a child in a parent-powered wheelchair.

"One of the great things about these events is that it gives parents a chance to really get in there and play with their children," she said.

For more information about WOW contact their local web-site at www.angelfire.com/ab/wow/or/index.htm or Teryl Hoffman-Figgins, Clackamas alumni and WOW leader, at www.woworegon@aol.com.

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