

Clackamas instructor handed presidential gavel

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Molly Williams, English as a Second Language (ESL) instructor at Clackamas, was handed the president's gavel for the statewide organization Oregon Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (ORTESOL) last Friday, before a gathering of approximately 400 members from around the state at the annual ORTESOL conference, held at Clackamas.

ORTESOL is a non-profit organization founded as a resource for teachers of ESL at all grade levels, providing them updated information and opportunities to increase their teaching effectiveness. Williams, who is also advisor to the college's Intensive English Studies program, was responsible for planning this year's conference, the first conference Clackamas has hosted since the start of ORTESOL in 1977.

Well known speaker and author, Professor H. Douglas Brown, director of the American Language Institute at San Francisco State University, spoke and held a book signing at the conference. Seminars on subjects ranging from classroom

techniques and computer aids to teaching specific cultural groups were offered.

Williams has been an ESL instructor at Clackamas for 21 years. The college has both day and evening classes for speakers of a second language. This year's day program includes 26 international students and 150 immigrants. The program also extends to other sites with night classes for 300 students at the Harmony center, 40 in Estacada and 98 in Canby. According to Williams, much of the success of Clackamas' ESL program is due to the instructors.

"All our teachers have master's degrees and we embrace our part-time instructors as we do our full time. We treat every one as equals."

Another advantage unique to Clackamas' ESL program is the full support by the administration. According to Williams, the college sees the program as an asset to the school and views it as an opportunity to transition English language learners into the full college setting.

ESL student Mahnaz Alidoostri is 40 years old and came to Clackamas to learn English so she can then enroll in the nursing program. She studied nursing in Iran before coming to

the US. According to Alidoostri, her beginnings here were tumultuous. She missed her family, country and connections with others from her culture. After six months, Alidoostri said she is beginning to feel better.

"I feel good here and I want to try to be a success," she remarked.

Many other students with diverse stories and backgrounds study ESL on campus.

Eighty-three year-old Kalai Ng, from Hong Kong, came to Oregon after retirement in 1965 because his children were here and Hong Kong had no senior benefits or retirement plans. He recalled his home country; "we call Hong Kong the concrete forest. There's too much people, too small area, and houses built to the sky."

Ng wrote his memoir and family tree but realized his family could not read it because they didn't know Chinese. He also made his family members special necklaces with their names on them, and after his grandson pointed out that his name was spelled incorrectly, the grandfather decided to come to Clackamas to learn English.

International student Ken Tsai, 28, came to Clackamas from Taiwan six months ago. He is here to learn



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Students (from left) Kalai Ng of Hong Kong, Mahnaz Alidoostri of Iran and Ken Tsai of Taiwan are members of the ESL program at Clackamas.

English so he can open a business for Kuanfoong, a lock manufacturing company, in Portland. If his company decides to have him stay, he looks forward to living in the Portland area.

"I like it because Portland is not big. I went to Chicago and it was crowded. San Francisco had air pollution, and Seattle was too cold," said Tsai.

Williams speaks animatedly

about the ESL program and displays true passion for teaching Adult Education.

"Our students are treated like college students," she explained. "Most of them come because they want to learn English. We are helping them achieve their goal."

"I think we're the best program in the state," added ORTESOL's new president. "We are really good!"

CCC/PSU co-admission offers savings and opportunity

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Students thinking about transferring to Portland State University have a unique opportunity here at Clackamas to join the PSU/CCC co-admit program.

The co-admit program has been in place since spring 1997 and has been gaining popularity ever since, with about 150 Clackamas students registered this year.

Students benefit in many ways. For example, a student fills out only one application for both PSU and Clackamas. Financial aid is also coordinated between the two schools, allowing registered partici-

pants to take freshmen and sophomore level classes at PSU on the same financial aid package as CCC. Co-admit students are eligible for a PSU identification card, allowing full access to the PSU campus library, computer lab, student exercise facilities and discounted tickets for PSU events, including sports.

Through co-admission, students "have a more seamless transition (to PSU)," said Sue Metcalfe, Clackamas counselor in charge of the program. Advisors from the university come to Clackamas each term to help students decide on their classes, keeping them on the right track for their degrees.

Other benefits include a series of freshmen and sophomore inquiry classes here on campus that are available only to co-admit students. These five-credit classes introduce the concept of student cohorts, a popular way PSU teaches classes. A cohort group of students will take the same classes with each other for an entire school year, if possible, often working in small groups on projects. These classes teach analytical thinking skills rather than focusing on the 'right' answers.

The freshmen level inquiry classes are team-taught by two instructors from very different backgrounds. One class—

Faith and Reason—is being taught by both a biology and a religious studies instructor.

The sophomore level classes are four credits a term and span topics as broad as Science in Popular Culture, Modern War, Latin American Studies and Gender and Material Culture.

Students in the co-admit program are not required to take the inquiry classes, but both Clackamas and PSU advisors strongly encourage exploring these academic options. Many students find out about the co-admit program mid-year and join during winter or even spring term. Once enrolled in the co-admit program, students do have the option to leave.

"People can change their minds," remarked Metcalfe. "They're not locked in (the Co-admit program), although it is an excellent opportunity."

According to the co-admit website, students who transfer to PSU from Clackamas save more than \$3,000. That is enough to pay for one year of graduate school at the university. The financial savings alone is enough to encourage some students to apply.

For more information about the PSU/CCC co-admit program, contact Sue Metcalfe in the counseling department at ext. 2599 or online at the college website: www.clackamas.cc.or.us/coadmit.html

Announcements

Oregon Artists Paul Missal and Bill Moore will speak at Clackamas in connection with the opening of the Pacific Northwest College of Art Faculty Show in the Pauling Gallery. Paul Missal will lecture at 10 a.m. Wednesday Nov. 1 in Lakeside Hall at the John Inskeep Environmental Learning Center. Bill Moore will speak at 2 p.m. Wednesday Nov. 8 in room 205 of the Art Center at the college.

CCC/PSU Co-Admit Students-Winter Term Advising Make your appointment now to meet with the PSU Advisor to plan your Winter Term Schedule. The PSU Advisor will be on the CCC campus: Monday, Nov. 13 from noon - 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2:30 - 6 p.m. and Thursday, Nov. 16 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Appointments are scheduled for every 20 minutes - on the hour, 20 minutes after the hour and 40 minutes after the hour. To schedule an appointment, contact Sue Metcalfe, CCC/PSU Co-admit Advisor, in the Community Center Counseling Center, or by calling 657-6958, ext. 2599. If you get voice mail, please leave two times that will work for you and Sue will call you back to confirm your time.

Pacific University will be on campus Friday Nov. 3. An academic advisor from Pacific University will meet with students in the Counseling Center. For an appointment for an academic advising session or more information call 503-657-6958, ext. 2556.

College Conversation Come and meet with John Keyser and other faculty and student

leaders. **TODAY** 12-1p.m. in CC 127.

Tutoring Works! Students who get help from a tutor succeed with a "C" grade or better 90% of the time. Math and Computer Science students check out the Tutoring Lab in Streeter Hall. For Accounting and Business students, drop-in tutoring is available in M 134. Drop-in, one-on-one, small groups and on-line tutoring are available for most students in the student resource center, room CC122. For more information call Don Paul Shula, Tutorial Services Coordinator in CC 122, or call 503-657-6958, ext. 2324.

Education Majors: Get work experience and earn \$8.96/hr as paid tutors. Volunteer tutors are needed at Rex Putnam High School to tutor Math and Reading. Oregon Literacy needs volunteers to teach adults to read. For more information call Don Paul Shula, Tutorial Services Coordinator in CC 122, or call 503-657-6958, ext. 2324.

Attention All Crafters! Christmas Craft Fair Applications are still available in CC 140. It will be held in The Community Center on Dec. 4 and Dec. 5 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call Michelle at 503-657-6958, ext. 2245 for more information.

Scholarship Money! There are scholarships available NOW for students in Horticulture, Life and Career Options, YPOP, Bridges, Gerontology and Pre-Employment, Industrial Education Field, Transfer Degree Programs,

Art, Criminal Justice, Engineering and Service to Community Internship Don't delay!

Applications for these scholarships are **due on Monday, Nov. 6, by 5 p.m.** If you would like more information about these scholarship opportunities please call Chippi Bello at 503-657-6958, ext. 2373 or stop by the Financial Aid Office. For your convenience, there is also a kiosk in the Community Center with information about these scholarships and outside scholarship opportunities.

Want to Be a Snowboard Instructor or Ski Instructor? Timberline offers a college credit class for ski and snowboard instructor training. It starts Nov. 11 and 12 through Nov. 18 and 19. Cost for credit and \$125 fee to Timberline is due a week before class. A Timberline representative will be on campus in the Community Center Mall on Wednesday, Oct. 25 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. to answer questions and promote the new ski year. Call Nancy Mikleton at 503-657-6958, ext. 2450 for more information.

The French Club will meet on Thursdays from noon-1p.m. in B203. The French Table will be in B203 from noon-1p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The Environmental Club Helping Everyone's Environment Live (HEEL) is alive and well! Meetings will be held on Thursdays from noon-1p.m. in B238. Contact Jaime or Bobbi at 503-657-6958, ext. 2247.

Native American Student Club meets every Tuesday noon-1p.m. in the Skylight Dining Room. Call Cheryl at 503-657-6958, ext. 2861 or email

Campus Crusade for Christ meets on Thursdays in B113 from noon-1p.m. Please come; you are totally wanted there!

Phi Theta Kappa. Neither a sorority nor a bunch of geeks, PTK is a club for students who have earned a GPA of 3.5 or better, who want to pursue scholarships and scholarly discussions. Applications are in the Student Activities Office, CC140, or in the office of Kate Gray, S122, or Dave Arter, P1241. For more information call 503-657-6958 ext. 2371 (Kate) or ext. 2210 (Dave). Get more information about this exciting opportunity on **Thursday, Nov. 2** at noon in M204, or Wednesday, Nov. 8 at 5:30 p.m. in M204. These meetings are good news for you! New Member Induction, Nov. 14 at 7 p.m. in CC 127.

Feeling Queer? The Rainbow Club is a support and social group for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and curious students. We meet on Mondays at noon in M253 to talk with each other in a safe environment. For more information, call Kate Gray at 657-6958 ext. 2371 or email kateg@clackamas.cc.or.us

Open Computer Lab at the Harmony/OIT Campus. The Small Business Development Center has computers available with Internet and printer access in Room OIT 170. Fall term

hours are Monday and Wednesday noon to 6 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Friday 1-5p.m. For more information call 503-657-6958 ext. 6447 or ext. 3485. There are Friday exceptions to above stated hours. Limited assistance is available. Open to all students, staff and members of the community.

The Communications and Theater Arts Department presents "The Foreigner" in the McLoughlin Hall Theatre at 8 p.m. from Nov. 16 to 18, and Nov. 30 to Dec. 2. Matinees begin at 2:30 p.m. on Nov. 19 and Dec. 3. Tickets are \$4 for students and seniors, \$7 for everyone else. Reservations can be made by calling 503-657-6958, ext. 2356.

The Portland Women's Crisis Line is recruiting crisis line volunteers and Sexual Assault Advocates. Volunteers must attend a 46-hour training on Wednesday and Thursday from 6-9 p.m. and Sat. from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. starting Wednesday, Nov. 1 till Nov. 30. For more information call 503-232-9545.

Willamette Falls Symphony will hold its Fall Concert at 2 p.m. on Nov. 19 at the Barclay Community Center in Oregon City. Call 503-657-2434 for more information.

Pi and Ice Cream Art instructor David Anderson will lecture about the role of mathematics in the field of visual arts at 4 p.m. Nov. 6 in the Gregory Forum. For more information call 503-657-6958, ext. 5101.