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## ASG kicks off Awareness Week at Clackamas

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The Associated Student Government (ASG) kicked off Awareness Week Monday to inform students on such issues as binge drinking, marijuana use, body image, sexually transmitted diseases and depression; and to launch the first annual food and clothing drive.

"We think that those five topics are highly sensitive among college students and we want to bring some facts to the student body," informed Rachael Locke, ASG campus activities officer who is organizing Awareness Week together with ASG Senator Mark Palmer.

Approximately 1,000 awareness pamphlets on the five specific areas were distributed around campus. More are available in the ASG office, CC140. Posters addressing topics like body images and drugs have been hung up as well.

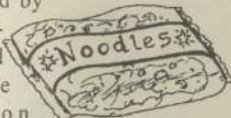
Now through Dec. 8, barrels provided by the Portland Rescue Mission are located outside of the Community Center, and around campus. These 60-gallon containers make it possible to donate food and clothing for people in need.

"People can donate food as well as clothing," explained Locke. "The Portland Rescue Mission will then come, pick it up and donate it to homeless people in the Portland community".

Coordinating Awareness Week for the first time, Locke and Palmer are excited and hope for a good outcome.

"This is our first Awareness Week and we are still trying to get a feeling for things. We hope everything will work out."

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## Red Cross saves lives one pint at a time

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The smell of lemon cookies filled Gregory Forum Monday at the first blood drive of the year.

There were 43 usable pints donated at the blood drive, which was coordinated by the Associated Student Government (ASG). New donors gave eight pints.

Nagisa Beniya had given blood once before. Beniya is a nursing student on campus and often sees patients in need of transfusions.

"When you see a patient who needs blood, that makes me think more about it," she said.

Maribell Lopez also donated at the last blood drive Clackamas held.

"It makes me feel good to give blood—it helps other people."

Lopez also learned her blood type from the experience, something student Tiffany Lopschat knows all too well.

"They're always calling me!" says Lopschat. The first time she donated was at a high school blood drive. Lopschat learned that she has a rare blood type and has been a regular donor ever since.

"I know they need it," she explained.



Medical Assistant Lareina Bettelyoun draws blood from student Lisa Funderburg in the Gregory Forum, Monday, during the Red Cross blood drive.

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plained. Not everyone at the blood drive is as experienced as Lopez or Lopschat. First-time donors heeded the Red Cross' call for blood for many reasons.

Jarod Rhoden was hoping to get out of wrestling practice "...and to help people I guess," he said with a grin. Even though he admits to being frightened by needles, the

donation process was not as bad as he thought it would be.

"I almost fainted— had to breathe into a bag one time," he admitted sheepishly.

Despite the ease of the process, Rhoden said he would probably not donate again, but "I had to do it once at least."

Other first-time donors had different reasons for giving up some

of their life-saving blood. Josh Rhodes thought he "might as well drop in and do it."

His nephew had to have heart surgery as an infant, and ended up having a blood transfusion.

"Having someone that close to you reminds you of the need for blood," said Rhodes. "Plus, it seems like such an easy thing to do."

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## College seeks a 'fair' solution to smoking problem

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In response to numerous complaints received by the Associated Student Government (ASG) and Campus Services about cigarette smoke, the school is working on a solution that may include covered smoking shelters and enforced designated smoking areas.

ASG has been looking into this problem for some time and has begun considering options for a solution. Their main focus is to get smokers away from doorways and high traffic areas while providing them with covered areas to avoid the constant Oregon rain.

Covered smoking shelters are being discussed as one option. Shelters would be somewhat like bus stop shelters, made of Plexiglas and metal. Prices range from \$6000, for a very basic shelter, to \$9000 for shelters equipped with benches and ashtrays.

George Sims, of Environmental Services, has researched possibilities for designated smoking areas including the west wall of Barlow Hall between B114 and the entrance; the east or west sides of Gregory Forum; and the covered walkways between A and C buildings of Pauling Center.

Clackamas already has designated areas that were designed to entice smokers away from doorways and high-traffic areas. Many buildings already have 'no smoking' signs posted near entries, but often these signs are ignored or even removed. Two existing Oregon regulations also limit smoking to ten feet or more away from building entrances.

In a survey of Clackamas students, *The Print* found that most respondents were non-smokers. Though some students don't mind the smoke, most said smokers should move away from door-

ways and complained that they had to walk through smoke to enter buildings.

They were generally concerned with the smell of cigarette smoke, the risks of second-hand smoke and the litter that is associated with smoking.

"When smokers stand in front of doorways or under overhangs, I have to walk through the same smoke that current smoking laws are designed to protect me from," said one student.

Several students said they thought shelters were a good idea, even though they prefer a smoke-free campus. Others suggested restricting smokers to parking lots or well-ventilated rooms inside buildings.

Some students and faculty are

allergic to cigarette smoke. They experience congestion, headaches, burning eyes, sneezing and sore throats from second-hand smoke.

Staff member Judy Singer sits in an office directly across from the north entrance of Barlow. When the doors are open, wind rushes down the hall and into her office through a gap underneath her door. Singer is especially sensitive to the smoke that seeps into her office, and has been so affected by it before that she has had to take time off of work.

"I'm not trying to make it hard for anyone, there just has to be a way of solving this," said Singer.

Of the few smokers who responded to the survey, most said that they would use shelters and accept restrictions. Most agreed that smokers should move away from doorways so non-smokers wouldn't be subjected to second-hand smoke.

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