

# Hit and run accidents cost students money

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Clackamas parking lots have recently suffered a string of hit and run accidents.

In the week of Nov. 14-21, a total of three accidents, two on the same day, were reported to Campus Public Safety. Scott McIlvoy, a Clackamas computer science major and one of the victims, told the *Print* his story.

On Nov. 21, during his one-hour Writing 121 class, somebody struck McIlvoy's car in the McLoughlin parking lot.

"You park your car and go to class, you just assume that it'll be okay when you come back," McIlvoy said.

On Nov. 14, two unrelated accidents occurred in the Barlow lot and at the Family Resource Center (FRC). All the incidents

happened while the owners were in classes. In McIlvoy's case, however, the impact is doubly felt.

"I just started to go to school full-time, so I switched my insurance over to liability. Now I've got to eat it," he explained.

His options seemed even bleaker after he talked to Clackamas Public Safety Officer Patrick Duley. After filing an accident report and giving McIlvoy a case number, there was not much more Duley could do.

According to Duley, approximately \$1000 damage was done to each car.

When the *Print* asked McIlvoy if he had a message for the driver who hit his car and ran, he shrugged.

"I don't think you'd be able to run what I had to say right now. I'm pretty frustrated."



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Scott McIlvoy, student, looks in disgust at the dent left on his car by a hit and run driver. The accident occurred in the McLoughlin parking lot and is one of many incidents this year.

# Giving Tree provides Christmas gifts for needy children

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Christmas is about giving, and this year the Associated Student Government (ASG) is incorporating giving into the busy holiday season through the Giving Tree.

The Giving Tree has names

of anonymous students and families hanging on it.

"It is for anyone who is in need or needs help," this holiday season, according to Maria Green, child care officer and coordinator of the giving tree.

There are a number of tags containing age and sex of children on the tree located in the community center outside of

the ASG office, CC140. Once you have found the tag which you would like to buy a gift for, you bring it to the ASG office.

In the office, they have a list of the desired gifts that specific children would like and they will give you a card, which contains that information, to take shopping with you.

After purchasing the gift or gifts, bring them unwrapped to CC140 with the tag taped on the top. A committee of ASG officers and friends will wrap the gifts. All the gifts must be delivered to the office by Dec. 12.

This year there are 65 applicants on the Giving Tree. Last year 128 children received gifts. According to Glorianne Muggli, ASG vice president, some of the applicants last year were teenage parents with unborn children, asking for gifts for their unborn kids.

Why have the Giving Tree? "We want to help other students on campus as much as we can," said Green.



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Maggie Jirasek, ASG senator, sets up and decorates the Giving Tree last Tuesday in the community center.

# Smoking: College searches for solutions

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One student was worried that designated areas would be so far away that it would be difficult to smoke in the allotted time between classes.

"I would be very upset if I had to walk to a special smoking spot between classes—I only have ten minutes between classes, that's not enough time," said another student.

Mt. Hood Community College has also tried to deal with this problem, since 1988, with their safety council repeatedly recom-

mending a campus-wide ban on smoking. After years of discussion and frequent policy changes, Mt. Hood presently has about 19 smoking areas with 11 refurbished Tri-met kiosks as shelters. The college has also established a \$15 fine for smoking in non-designated areas.

Clackamas is considering a similar solution but is still only discussing options. Recommendations from various councils and student groups on campus will be examined before the final decision is made by the president's council.

# Blood drive: Donors fall short of needed supply

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From start to finish, the process takes between 30 minutes and an hour and a half, "Depending on the fainters," said volunteer James Graves.

The process starts by donors answering anonymous questions about their health. After the questions are answered, their iron levels in the blood are tested with a finger prick test.

"Many consider the prick worse than the actual dona-

tion," said Head Nurse Leigh Vinson.

Donation levels were down for this blood drive. Last year's average for all three drives was 63 pints of blood, with the fall drive again being the smallest of the year. Vinson and others blame the long holiday weekend for low turnout.

"It is always difficult with the holidays. People aren't home and we get a lot of colds," she explained.

The next blood drive will be scheduled during winter term.

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