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Where do you want to go tomorrow?

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Opinion Editor

CCC will host college representatives from around the state for the annual Transfer Day Monday, Jan. 29 from 10-2 in the Gregory Forum.

This drop-in college fair provides an opportunity for students to meet with college and university representatives in order to learn more about their schools. Most in-state schools will be present at this event and will have representatives from individual programs, such as business and education, on hand.

Academic advisor Brian Mills recommends that anyone thinking about transferring to an in-state school should come and talk to some of the representatives. Going to Transfer Day, according to Mills, helps you get a four year picture.

Transfer Day provides an opportunity for students to question in-

dividual schools about their specific transfer process. Everything from when applications need to be turned in to housing options can be discussed at length at the event.

"It is important to make a connection to the university you are attending as soon as possible in order to stay on track," Mills said.

Mills also recommends Transfer Day for undecided students as a way of becoming more familiar with their educational choices.

"You can pick up fliers and catalogs from all over, but mostly in-state schools," said Mills.

Colleges and universities will be side-by-side during this event. This gives students the chance to compare the various programs schools offer in order to find the best fit.

The Scholarship Commission will also be present at the event to answer questions about financial aid.

Community College Day College leaders to visit Legislature next week

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President John Keyser and other leaders from Clackamas will be attending this year's Community College Day, which will be held in Salem, Jan. 31. It will give college advocates the chance to meet with state legislators and discuss issues, such as rapid statewide enrollment growth and problems associated with a lack of funding.

"All the community colleges in the state will be there," said Corky Kirkpatrick, director of community relations.

Colleges will be showing off their products. Clackamas' horticulture students, for example, are

going to provide plants for a demonstration. Oregon Community College Association will schedule appointments for college advocates to meet with state legislators and discuss their concerns.

"We can take a team of three to each legislative officer and tell them how important it is that we get a budget allocation," explained Kirkpatrick.

In addition, lawmakers and the general public will get a chance to learn how colleges train high-tech workers, health care providers and other professionals. They will also learn about distance learning via the Internet, adult basic skills education and a wide variety of services that colleges provide to the state's businesses and industries.

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FRC celebrates new wing



PHOTOS BY MIKE POLLOCK / Clackamas Print

A grand opening celebration for the Elizabeth McClung Brod Family Resource Center's new wing was held yesterday. The childcare program there is a collaboration between the college and the YMCA. Donors and supporters of the project were honored at the celebration.

Donna Krewson, (above) "Mother Goose," brings out her magic wand to perform a magic show for the children.

Karen Martini, director of development, college advancement, (left) makes a hand print on a piece of fabric during the FRC party; the prints will be hung in the new wing.

Student Maribel Lopez, (above right) spoke about the benefits she and her daughter have received at the FRC; her daughter is in childcare there, and Lopez attended the Young Parent Opportunity Program.



Auto mechanic, friend passes away

STEVE NIELSEN
News Editor

Charles "Fred" Bellmore, a CCC graduate and auto parts merchandiser at the college, died of heart related problems last Saturday, Jan. 20, at the age of 61.

Bellmore lived in Portland with his wife Mona, and is also survived by their three daughters, one son and nine grandchildren.

Health problems made it necessary for Bellmore to leave his job as an independent mechanic. He attended Clackamas from 1994-97.

After Bellmore graduated from the college with an associate degree and received a certificate in parts merchandising, he started working part-time in the automotive program as an auto parts mer-

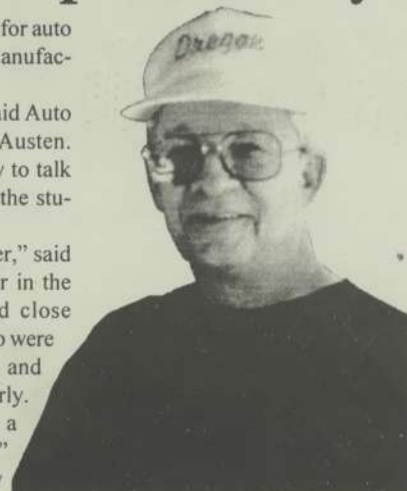
chandiser, supplying parts for auto body, auto service and manufacturing.

"He was a great guy," said Auto Body Instructor Wayne Austen. "He was a really easy guy to talk to and got along with all the students."

"He never met a stranger," said Jim Neufeld, an instructor in the automotive program and close friend of Bellmore. The two were also both avid fishermen and used to fish together regularly.

"He was happiest with a fishing pole in his hand," said Neufeld. "I was sorry to see him make his last cast."

Bellmore's family is planning to gather at Drift Creek, near Waldport, for a time of remembrance sometime in early fall.



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