

New advisors offer support to Rainbow Club

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The Rainbow Club, which offers support to gay, lesbian, bisexual, transsexual and straight friends, has two new advisors, Wade Bird and Kandie Starr.

English Instructor Kate Gray, who has been advisor for the club for years, decided it was time for someone else to work with the group, as she is also advisor for Phi Theta Kappa and Chrysalis. Bird and Starr were asked to serve as co-advisors.

Both decided this was a task they wanted to take on. Bird, who has worked for Clackamas Community College for 1 1/2 years taking care of some of the more technical aspects of audit degrees, special admissions and international students, had

been involved in gay organizations in the past. He participated in a club at Clark Community College, the Hands Off Washington campaign and various others. He said that many colleges in the U.S. have groups that were formed to offer this kind of support.

Starr, who completed a two-year transfer degree at Clackamas Community College, works in the registrar's office. She has been a member of the Rainbow Club since she came out four years ago and

she felt a need to return some of the sustenance the group had provided for her.

"To me, what is important about Kandie's contribution is that not only has she gone to the group for support, but now she's giving back to the people

who might be where she was about four years ago," Bird said about Starr's involvement.

"That's very noble," he continued. "A lot of people don't do that. They kind of go through the process and then move on with their lives. There are goals I want to achieve," Starr explained.

One of these goals is to insure that the Clackamas Community College library has an adequate amount of books on the topics of homosexuality, bisexuality, and transsexuality.

By having two leaders, one male and one female, the Rainbow Club hopes to be able to address more of the issues that student members might face.

"Male and female facilitators add balance to the situation," Bird explained.

"Recently we've become more topical [at our meetings]," he continued. "Before the group was more of a check-in time. We've gone a step further than that."

According to Bird, the meetings have fallen into a pattern



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Kandie Starr and Wade Bird are the new advisors of the Rainbow Club. Both facilitators agree that a two-advisor approach complements the club.

where one week they might discuss heavier issues whereas the following week is usually a social event where they discuss movies, entertainment and lighter issues.

Both facilitators think the two-advisor approach is working. They have a larger group, and the attendance is more consistent, according to Bird. Every week they seem to gain new members, he said.

New instructor serves as advisor for Native American Student Club

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MshkolahneeManito/G. SpiritHawk is the new advisor for the Native American Student Club (NASC) at Clackamas Community College.

MshkolahneeManito is a Traditionalist of the Shawnee/Anishinabe People. Some of his responsibilities include religious/spiritual positions of service to the Creator for Indigenous People and serving the inter-tribal community as a Sundancer. He is also an indigenous human and religious rights activist, traditional educator, author and speaker.

As a new member of the faculty, having started toward the end of fall term, MshkolahneeManito teaches introductory courses in Indigenous/American Indian studies through Clackamas Community College's community education program and a few business support courses through the Small Business Development Center at CCC. He considers his new role at the college to be "a unique opportunity of service to our community, both indigenous and non-indig-

enous." "We are very fortunate to have so many Indigenous/American students enrolled and included in staff," he said. "Last term's count was 90."

According to MshkolahneeManito, his "goal is to support and facilitate the expansion of Indigenous/American Indian Studies in a variety of educational areas at CCC."

He also encourages all indigenous students and staff members to become a part of NASC. The club was formed several years ago and has three stated purposes. First, it acts as a social and academic club for Indigenous/American Indian students. Not only does it promote more courses related to its group members, but it also wants to increase the educational success rate of American Indian students.

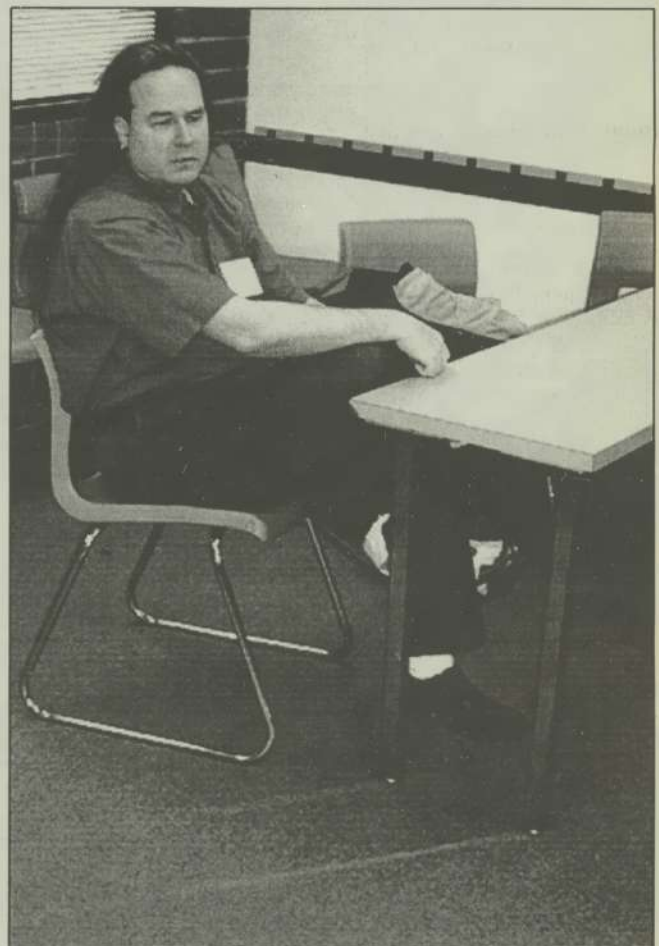
Secondly, NASC wants to in-

crease campus awareness of Indigenous/American Indian students. This is combined with a motive to "preserve the integrity and continuation of Native culture and traditions,"

s a y s MshkolahneeManito. "Our Elders' knowledge, and those things passed down in our individual tribal teachings to our children, must continue to remain a part of who we are as Native People as one continues his education," MshkolahneeManito said.

The last goal of NASC is "to extend their services to the general community," and to educate people at local, state, national and international levels about the culture of Indigenous/American Indian people and their customs.

"As Indigenous People, our traditions and culture are an extreme value to our continued path into the future," MshkolahneeManito explained.



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MshkolahneeManito/G. SpiritHawk, new member of the faculty since the end of Fall term, is the new advisor for the Native American Student Club at Clackamas. One of his goals is to increase campus awareness about Indigenous/American Indian students.

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movie night
 Friday, Feb. 9, 7 p.m. in the Gregory Forum

Maggie's joke of the week

WHAT HAS FOUR LEGS, IS BIG, GREEN, FUZZY, AND IF IT FELL OUT OF A TREE, WOULD KILL YOU?

Got it? For answer see p. 6