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Keyser opposes road through college property

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College President John Keyser is objecting to a proposed road which will go through college property allocated for future expansion.

This road, which would connect Meyers road to Beaver creek road, is proposed by the Oregon City Planning Commission to accommodate the new Oregon City High School, which is to be built on the current Moss campus.

"They want to expand Meyers Road so that it cuts through the corner of our property... where we have our soccer field and jogging trail. It would interfere with the recreational field and the jogging trail," explained Keyser. "The jogging trail is used by hundreds of people each week, and although this would not be a severe disruption, it is a concern to us."

The proposed road would also cross a wetland area, other private property, and the proposed athletic field of the OCHS campus.

"Here's the high school... They're putting a fairly major road-

way right by it, as opposed to isolating it a little. It's just a little troublesome," said Keyser.

The OCHS administration has also objected to the proposed road, and presented their objections and proposals to the commission yesterday.

"The high school wants to break ground this summer, so they're re-

ally pressed to get these decisions made," Keyser said.

Before receiving the permits necessary for the construction of the new high school, OCHS must have the road proposal done and the City Council's

approval, according to Keyser. They are also responsible for paying for the road improvement, which will accommodate the 1,600 automobiles that will be at the campus each day. This means they will have less money to build their high school.

Keyser said both the college and OCHS are promoting more extensive use of Glen Oaks, and are opposed to expanding Meyers road. See *Meyers road*, page 3

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American sign language instructor Glenda Edwards, left, teaches two-year-old Isaiah Dinsmore the sign for food. Isaiah's father James, at right, is also learning sign language to help his son who is blind to improve his language skills.

Students, instructor teach sign to blind two-year-old, dad

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Teaching a 20 month-old blind child the basics of American Sign Language in order to improve his language development skills is a new project taken on by Clackamas' Instructor Glenda Edwards and four of her students.

Since the beginning of February, James Dinsmore and his 20 month-old son, Isaiah, have been visiting Clackamas weekly to learn sign language. Isaiah is not deaf - as you would

expect someone to be who is in need of learning sign language - but he has been blind since birth. Because of his handicap, Isaiah doesn't have the ability to express his wants and needs the way other children do. Edwards and her students took on the challenge to help increase his ability to communicate, and volunteered to work with the boy.

"James called Clackamas and asked if anyone could help teach his blind son sign language. We were surprised at first, but the father ex-

plained that an occupational therapist said his son was lagging language development and that sign language possibly might help," said Edwards. "We just want to help this little boy. He is really cute."

With four of her second-year students - Tina Day, Yvonne Ingram, Jennifer Jeuck and Erica Anderson - Edwards meets Isaiah every Friday, trying to teach him and his dad the basics of sign language.

"Basically, we are going to show the father how to show the signs to the baby," Edwards explained. "I gave him a basic sign language book so he can practice with his son at home."

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Glenda Edwards
ASL Instructor

Arter chosen as leader for Phi Theta Kappa convention

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CCC Instructor Dave Arter has been selected out of about 60 applicants around the country to lead a group of Phi Theta Kappa members at their 2000-2001 International Convention.

"The advisors compete for the honor of serving as a seminar leader in the (honors) institute," said Arter.

The convention will be held at Georgia Institute of Technology, June 17 through June 24. In order to be selected as a leader, each advisor wishing to attend had to fill out an application. The application included a questionnaire and an essay on the study topic for this year's convention. They each had to write of their expertise in leading small group discussions and describe what kind of materials they might have to contribute to the

convention. Out of all the applicants, only 23 were selected.

This year's study topic is *In the Midst of Water: Origin and Destiny of Life*.

"The honors study topic is a broad inter-disciplinary theme around which the chapters across the country organize their scholarly activities," said Arter. "They are designed to be broad so they can be approached by different perspectives."

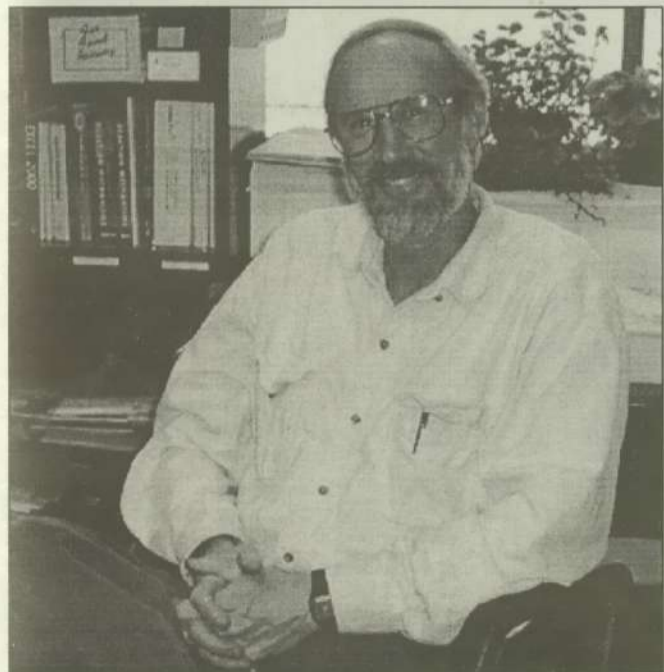
"Phi Theta Kappa members and advisors come to this from all over the country to spend a week studying the honors study topic in preparation of the coming year," said Arter.

The honors institute offers a variety of different experts to talk about the topic and provide different perspectives for the members. After the members listen to the experts talk, they all break up into small group discussions

of about six or seven people. There they discuss what they've heard with the advisors. The goal is to come up with ways they can implement this new topic within each college chapter.

During the conference, the main topic is split up into 10 different issues, such as how humans access and use water, or what the water cycle is and what our place in it is. Accompanying these issues are questions that are asked to the members to stimulate conversations... questions such as, How do land plants participate in the water cycle, or When did the term "aquifer" come into existence?

To sum it all up, Arter said that this was a great chance for the Phi Theta Kappa members to exercise their minds with stimulating conversation, and for him, this is an honor to serve as a leader in the institute.



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Dave Arter, chemistry instructor and Phi Theta Kappa advisor, was chosen to lead a group at their conference in Georgia this summer.