

Students to lobby for drop-in daycare

International Women's Day celebration coming to Portland

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In hopes to establish a drop-in daycare program at Clackamas, students Chris Henry, Samantha Griffin, Kim Dullea and Ombe Makano designed a questionnaire to get feedback on student interest before presenting the idea to the college board.

When assigned in his group communication class to choose and solve a problem, Henry decided to take a closer look at daycare programs being offered at various colleges.

"It sounded like a good idea. I found out that they have daycare drop-offs at Mount Hood as well as Portland Community College," explained Henry.

Having a daughter living in Los Angeles who visits him often, Henry knows how hard it can be for parents to find good daycare. His plan is to poll everybody on campus, find out how they feel about a daycare

drop-in program at Clackamas, and afterwards present the idea at the president's council meeting.

"We want to make it known to everybody. We want all the students to have a chance to vote on it," said Henry.

Henry has several ideas in mind on how a daycare program could work out.

"Parents dropping off their children could have a pager and if there's a problem with their child, they would get paged. Volunteers would be needed to help watch the children," stated Henry. "Another idea is computer screening where a camera would be in every classroom showing the parents that their child is OK."

The questionnaire is designed for parents as well as students without any children. Everyone is asked to express his or her opinion towards such a program. Questionnaires can be dropped off in the Associated Student Government office.

Campus Drop-in Daycare Questionnaire

1. Are you a parent?
Yes No
2. Do you have adequate daycare arrangements now?
Yes No
3. On campus?
Off campus?
4. Would you utilize drop-in daycare?
Yes No
5. Would drop-in daycare be beneficial to you?
Yes No
6. Do you support the idea for a drop-in daycare?
Yes No
7. Would you be willing to volunteer one or two hours per week in exchange for daycare costs?
Yes No

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Portland's 26th Annual International Women's Day celebration takes place Sunday, March 11 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Portland Conference Center, 300 N.E. Multnomah.

The event is dedicated to providing the opportunity for women to discover similarities and learn from differences in an atmosphere that is respectful, inclusive and supportive of the values and points of all women.

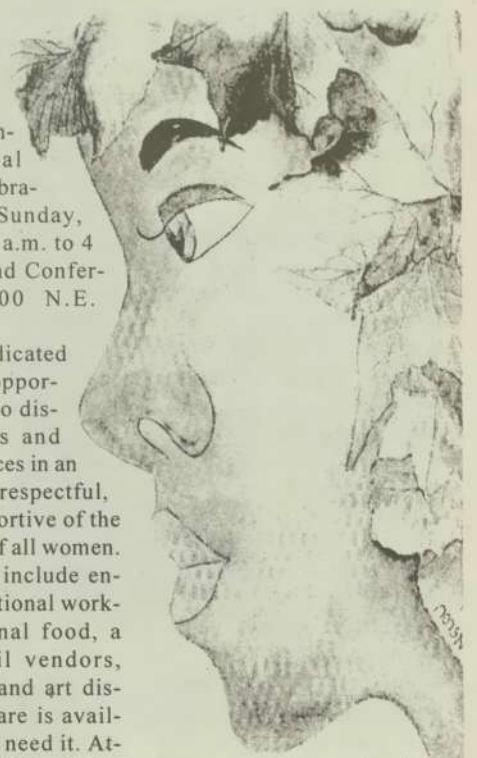
Featured events include entertainment, educational workshops, international food, a health fair, retail vendors, women's writing and art displays. Free childcare is available for those who need it. Attendance is free although donations will be gratefully accepted at the door.

Two related events will take place at Thursday, March 15 at 7 p.m., room 71, in Cramer Hall there will be a free screening of *Diamonds, Guns and Rice*, a film about women, war and peacemaking in the small West African country of Sierra Leone. Donations will be accepted to help create a

women's crisis center in Freetown, Sierra Leone.

Ann Wanjiku Gathumbi will speak Friday, March 16 at 7 p.m. about domestic violence in Kenya. *A Speaking Tour to Stop Torture of Women* is sponsored by Amnesty International USA Group 48 and is free.

For more information on Portland's International Women's Day, call 503-972-0630.



Kirkpatrick: 'She definitely won the battle'

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"She was a real shaker and mover in the International Educational program," said Keyser. "She helped promote it."

According to Meiser, the reason for Kirkpatrick's interest in the International Ed Program stemmed from her personal travel experiences: she has traveled to 25 countries including Indonesia, Australia, Mexico and Fiji.

"She would often donate her clothes to someone else, and bring home a bag full of new clothes from another country," explained Meiser. "She would always have some new necklace on that was from another country and a story behind it about the man who made it or the women who put it together."

Kirkpatrick's job at the college was not her whole life.

"She worked very very hard, but when she played she also played hard," said Dickson. "I think that if you asked her, in her last days, what the most important thing was in her life, it would be her grandchildren."

Corky is survived by her husband Jerry, who works at the Northwest Regional Educational Lab; three children: Mary, Paige, and Scott; and six grandchildren.

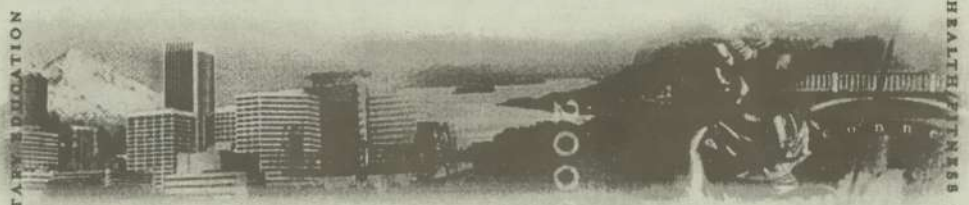
A service for Kirkpatrick will be held Friday at Cornwell Colonial Chapel in Willsonville, located across from Oregon Advanced Technology Center, at 29222 Town Center Loop East. A viewing will be held from 8:30-10:30 a.m. and the service begins at 11 a.m.

Her family has asked that charitable contributions in memory of Corky be given either to the College Foundation, to the International Education Endowment - which will be dedicated in her name - or to the Friends of the Zoo.

Anne Donelson summed up her thoughts about Kirkpatrick's illness.

"She never let the cancer get the upper hand," Donelson said. "She definitely won the battle. How she handled that with such dignity and veracity is a lesson for us all about how to live and how to die."

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