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Illness forces library closure

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The library was closed Monday afternoon and evening because of absent staff due to illness caused by poor air quality in the Dye Learning center.

The library was reopened Tuesday, though the cause of the air quality problem is still unknown according to Carol Patterson, associate dean of Plant Services.

"Right now we're in the process of testing to find out what the problem is," said Patterson. "We did some minor testing today and we will put some machines in the building Thursday. These will run cycles which will tell us how much humidity and particles are in the air."

Nineteen staff members have reported symptoms and a half dozen have been ill in the last 10 days with related allergy like symptoms, according to Cindy Andrews, director of instructional support services. Six other people who are not library staff also reported allergic reactions after visiting the building for a meeting.

The symptoms include: headaches, fatigue, itchy eyes, sore throat, tender glands, numbness and dryness in and around the mouth

and lack of breath.

"It is not a panic situation," said Andrews. "The college is doing all it can to find the cause of it, but it is a process of elimination."

Clayton Environmental is doing tests that will help determine the problem. They are also testing a few library books to insure that there is no problem with mold.

According to Patterson, the ventilation and air system is not the cause of the problem. Plant Service staff members have also determined that moisture in the walls is not the problem.

Patterson and Andrews agree this is an urgent matter.

"The staff is concerned about their own and student health," said Andrews. "But they are trying to stay on the job and on site. We have been taking the precaution of keeping all windows and doors open to the largest degree possible."

According to Patterson, Plant Services are currently interviewing students and staff about their symptoms. If you have become ill after visiting the library or have any symptoms you think may be related to this please contact Plant Services at 503-657-6958 ext. 2385.

High school students test skills



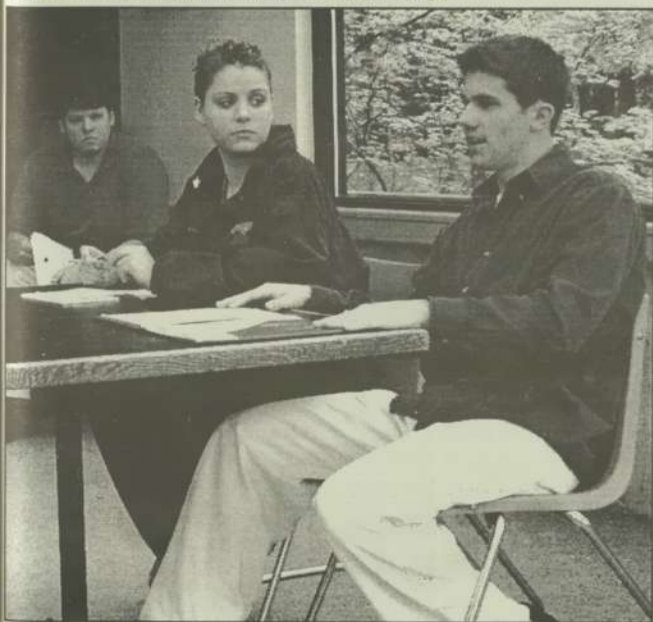
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Mountain View High School team members work on a 2001 Mustang that was bugged for the Ford Auto Skills competition. Vale High School won the competition by finding the most bugs in the least amount of time. Clackamas automotive students helped out with the competition.

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Open forum kicks off student body elections

Online voting happens tomorrow and Friday. Cast your vote for next years president and vice president at www.clackamas.cc.or.us.



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Bryan Fuentes, current ASG President, asks questions of Yvonne Ingram and Stefan Myers who are running for next year's ASG vice president and president. They are both running unopposed.

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Sports Editor

The 2001 Associated Student Government Candidate Forum was held yesterday in the Skylight Dining Room in the Community Center. Stefan Myers, the lone candidate for ASG president and Yvonne Ingram, the lone candidate for vice-president, spoke to a small group of students to present themselves and their ideas for the 2001-02 school year.

Myers, a freshman at Clackamas and a graduate of Canby High School, displays a lot of enthusiasm and drive. He was involved in student government and leadership at Canby, and has management training in the workplace. He believes that campus communication and student involvement in the programs at Clackamas is the key to success at this college. Myers plans to start a newsletter that will be distributed to students on a regular basis as well as use the college's E-mail system more effectively to distribute the newsletter.

"I want students who want to get more involved have the resources and the means to get more involved,

not only with their own studies, but also with the college in general," Myers said. "When you (the students) want to get more involved, we will help you find out how."

Ingram, a collegiate freshman and graduate of the Adult GED program at Clackamas, is a recovering addict and the mother of two teenage sons. She believes that her life experience has given her the insight to deal with a wide variety of people, including the diversity at Clackamas.

"I have one parent who is deaf, and the other parent is blind, so one of my goals is to focus on the sign language transfer degree program, as well as others," Ingram said. "I want to help promote student awareness and get students more in tune with what CCC has to offer. We, as student government, will do whatever it takes to help you succeed as students."

Both Myers and Ingram gained experience working as ASG senators this year and want to continue a tradition of excellence for next year.

"We don't know what we could do to improve on this year's performance," Myers said. "We just hope that next year's group can step up to the level that our group this year was able to achieve."

Ingram added "we want to leave incoming ASG groups with a foundation to build on; to be able to incorporate future ideas with those that have proven successful in the past."

ASG elections will take place on campus this Thursday and Friday. Computers will be set up on campus to help students vote in the online election. Students may also access the college's website at www.clackamas.cc.or.us and vote through the ASG link. Any Clackamas student taking at least one credit hour is eligible to vote. Complete results will be published in the next issue of The Print.

