

Ingram named new ASG vice president

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Yvonne Ingram, mother of two sons, full-time student at Clackamas and recently elected ASG Vice President for the 2001/2002 school year, comes from a diverse background that contributes to her abilities as a leader.

Ingram, the child of a deaf mother and a blind father, was born in Memphis, Tenn. and grew up in the Portland area. Her parents were a biracial couple and her father performed as a drummer in a band consisting mostly of blind members. Ingram led a life that was everything but boring.

"It was always interesting at my house. There was never a dull moment; something was always going on," Ingram said.

Ingram dropped out of school in fifth grade to help her parents at home.

"I had a good reason to leave school which was to take care of my parents. I realized that I had a hard time going to school because of my parents' dis-

abilities," said Ingram. "I helped out my mom a lot. I would go with her to her doctor's appointments or go to the welfare office and basically be her ears."

Ingram made several attempts to go back to school but with her parents getting divorced and her mom passing away in 1987, Ingram's life did not seem to get any easier.

"I made five attempts to go back to school. Every time there was something preventing me from succeeding," Ingram said.

"The longer I stayed out of school, the harder it was to go back. I just didn't have

the support I needed in order to go back."

After starting a family and giving birth to two sons, Ingram finally decided to make one last attempt to go back to school and applied at the Multnomah County Literacy program for a tutor.

"They set me up for an interview with a volunteer tutor and he said he would take my case.

He has been with me ever since and he tutors me in all my classes. He is just awesome," said Ingram.

Ingram enjoyed going back to school, and after receiving her GED at Clackamas in 1999, got involved on campus for the first time in her life.

"Coming back is an opportunity for me I thought I could never have. I missed out on all the high school activities like dances and cheerleading. I never experienced any of that," said Ingram. "When I came to college, all these doors were opening up. I wanted to experience it at least once so I can say I did it."

Soon Ingram joined Student Government, which gave her the opportunity to gain leadership experience, learn how to communicate with people on all levels as well as attain lobbying skills.

"Once I was in there, I got hooked. I just love the people and there is so much I can gain from it," stated Ingram. "Being involved with the campus helps me stay focused and be a more dedicated student."

Being elected the new ASG Vice President, Ingram has set goals for herself including supporting the new President as much as she possibly can.

"I strongly believe in a lot of



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Yvonne Ingram, full-time student and mother of two sons, will be ASG's vice president next school year.

the ideas that Stefan has and I think he has a good handle on things," said Ingram. "I also want to mediate duties between officers and senators and modify some of the programs here at Clackamas, making sure that the classes students take

are still applicable to the programs."

After Clackamas, Ingram will pursue a degree in deaf education and sign language interpreting at Western Oregon University, then go on to Lewis and Clark College for her masters.

Correction: On May 16, the Print ran an article about the first female automotive student to graduate in 13 years. Unfortunately, we misspelled her name. The student's name is Marcella Red Thunder.

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