

# Criminal Justice students stand up to help in crisis

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Two criminal justice students, Traci Wittenbel and Elizabeth Billings, held a fundraiser last month that raised over \$700 to benefit the victims of the Sept. 11 attacks.

Wittenbel said, "The day I learned of the attacks on America I was in complete shock and disbelief. I finally got tired of sitting there wishing (I could help) and decided that there is something I could do."

The group made pins with red, white or blue ribbons with a miniature flag in the middle. The pins were given away for a donation of any denomination. Also, they had cards made up for patrons to write a personal message to the firefighters and volunteers that worked to rescue and clean up after the attacks.

The fundraiser was held at the Milwaukie Marketplace Shari's parking lot and at the Clackamas Greenhouse Square.

The monies raised are to be split

evenly between the American Red Cross, the Salvation Army and the United Way.

"We wanted to make sure that all areas got covered," said Wittenbel.

Melvin Fields, another criminal justice student, and his wife joined Wittenbel and Billings in their crusade to help the victims.

Ida Flippo, the Criminal Justice Club advisor, provided credibility to their cause by using the club as their foundation. They wanted anyone to be able to freely call with any questions about their intentions.

Some of the businesses that helped sponsor this fundraiser included Kinko's, which donated the cards, Dan Dubet from Star Entertainment, who DJ'd the Shari's event at no charge, Premier Sound which lent its equipment, the property managers of Greenhouse Square, the Milwaukie Marketplace Shari's and Chevron.

"We all feel very good by what we have done and would stand up and do it again," said Wittenbel.



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Alex Wittenbel, son of CCC criminal justice student Traci Wittenbel, writes a message on a card that will be sent to relief workers in New York City. Several students worked fundraisers that raised over \$700 to benefit victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attack on New York City.

## Not all of the victims are in New York

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Every time you see one of those slow-motion video montages of a 767 slamming into the south tower of the World Trade Center, followed by the buildings' collapse and the unending cloud of dust, dirt, soot, and ash, do you break down in tears? When you watch live footage of dirty relief workers with open cuts clearing away rubble at 3 a.m. when they should be at home, do you feel despair wash over you like that cloud of dust did over the New York skyline?

For most people, the attacks on the World Trade Center and Pen-

tagon created feelings of grief, fear and anger. For most, the feelings will pass. But for others, these feelings will take hold. After one month of constant news coverage, it's nearly impossible to shelter yourself from these events and the feelings they create.

Help is out there.

Clackamas Community College and Willamette Falls Hospital are offering free depression screening, and with the terrorist attacks on New York and Washington D.C. this is especially relevant. A person's grief may deepen and become clinical depression. Symptoms of clinical depression include persistent sadness, fatigue, unshakable guilt, erratic sleep pat-

terns (too much, not enough, broken sleep, insomnia), weight fluctuation and feelings of hopelessness.

Thursday, Oct. 11 is National Depression Screening Day, and from 6-8 p.m. in the Bill Brod Community Center you can get information and talk to a mental health professional.

Depression is not something you have control of. There is nothing wrong with someone who is depressed. If you think you or someone you know might be suffering from clinical depression, encourage him or her to attend the screening and go yourself. Be a friend. Show you care.

## Public Safety: business as usual; asks students to be extra vigilant

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The terrorist attacks of Sept. 11 have not created a special security atmosphere on campus, according to CCC Public Safety.

Peter Angstadt, dean of college services, when asked if the college was doing anything to beef up security in this crisis, replied, "Not really. It really is just business as

usual. The only thing that we are asking staff and students to do is to be extra vigilant for anything unusual.

We always have had an excellent security system in place, so there are no plans to do anything special or out of the ordinary."

According to Public Safety, there have been no threats whatsoever, either called in or implied by any person or group toward the college or any of its students.

## Local forces, including students, await orders

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Because military service is a popular means of obtaining financial support for college, many college students, including students at Clackamas, currently serve in the armed forces.

While the admissions office does not track the number of enrolled students currently active in the Reserves or Guard, Veterans Benefits administrator Vi Christensen says about 25 are using veteran's benefits. Christensen estimates that they are about one-fourth of the actual number of currently enrolled students active in one of many local military units that might soon be activated.

Karole Scott, chief of public affairs for the Air Force Reserve in Portland, said that while the local AF Reserve has not yet received orders, they're ready to go when needed.

The 1,000 airmen of the 939<sup>th</sup> Rescue Wing are one of three Air Force units—and the only Reserve

unit—charged with the task of rescuing downed aircrew members behind enemy lines. Locally, these men and woman practice their craft in aiding stranded hikers on Mt. Hood or Mt. Adams, in addition to year-round training and on-going assistance with real world missions.

"We just returned from Operation Northern Watch in Turkey, patrolling the no-fly zone over Iraq," Scott said. "We were the first Air Force Reserve unit mobilized in the Kosovo conflict. When called, we'll be ready."

That means students might receive orders mid-term, making it important for instructors to remain flexible with students who might be called up for active duty. Lt. Misti Oyler, Public Affairs Officer for the Air National Guard 142<sup>nd</sup> Fighter Wing, said that in her experience, most teachers will work with students.

Oyler says the Air National Guard 142<sup>nd</sup> Fighter Wing has 163 airmen eligible to be activated, and the majority of those have already

received orders. "The majority of those are in support of homeland defense, Operation Noble Eagle, but some have also been deployed (overseas)." She could not confirm how many have been deployed or what missions they may be involved in.

However, we do know that while troops were engaged in missions in Afghanistan, some of those airmen may have been involved in efforts to ensure our safety here in the Northwest over the weekend, patrolling the skies over major sporting events.

In addition, members of the Oregon National Guard, which may include Clackamas students, provide security at Portland International Airport.

Northwest military units stationed at Whidbey Island, McChord Air Force Base, and Fort Lewis, all in Washington, are rumored to have been involved in the recent bombings on Afghanistan, though public affairs officials at McChord Air Force Base would not provide confirmation.

### Guard or Reserve?

The National Guard is what is known as a state militia. In other words, its mission is mostly limited to its state, though with cutbacks in military spending over the past decade, Guard units have been utilized overseas.

The Governor acts as commander in chief over the Guard, except when the Guard is ordered to federal service.

Reserve military units support active duty military missions, and the President is their commander in chief.

While the majority of personnel in both the Reserves and National Guard train just one weekend a month and attend a two-week annual training, each branch does have some full-time soldiers and civilian employees who maintain communication for and administration of the units and assist in the execution of training and deployment.