

# Authors' Night draws enthusiastic turnout

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Authors Jody Seay and Katie Schneider read from their first novels on Oct. 17 for Authors' Night. "Fire and Ice: Passion and Hate in Contemporary Fiction."

Both authors have been nominated for numerous awards, including the Oregon Book Awards and the Pulitzer Prize.

Despite the small turnout, the audience was eager and attentive during the reading and question-and-answer time.

Schneider read first from her novel *All We Know of Love*. It is a coming-of-age story about a girl from Washington who leaves home for Italy to pursue her art career, finds herself there, returns home and finds this is where she is meant to be. Schneider says it has been described as a Wizard of Oz of sorts.

Schneider writes with a simple elegance that echoes the voice of the character, Joanna Shepard.

During a scene in which Joanna and her best friend Jack jump from a train bridge into the river below, the reader can feel Joanna's fear and anxiety as well as her subsequent exhilaration and relief. The picture is a vivid one of two children amusing themselves on a hot summer day.

During another scene in which Joanna visits the Vatican with her friends Chad and Walter, the reader is transported there along with them. The description of the Sistine Chapel, as well as Joanna's reaction to it, is very powerful and

intense. Schneider claims that writing has made her "a more sane person." She elaborates that "it is something about when you are intensely focused on your work, it turns on a different part of your brain. It's like an out-of-body experience."

In Seay's novel *The Second Coming of Curly Red*, Jimmy, whose wife is viciously murdered, seeks a release from his pain and mourning and moves to Reliance, Oregon. While there, he is befriended by a lesbian couple who are the targets of vicious attacks. The battle is based on the Ballot 9 issues in central Oregon. She describes the situation in Reliance in this way: "Sometimes hatred spins out of control, and it often seems rooted in religion. We [humans] have killed many people in the name of God."

The characters in Seay's novel are varied and complex. She describes them as "an ultra-conservative, fire-and-brimstone preacher, a skinhead, and country dykes who would ride 50 miles in a blizzard on a motorcycle to give you a hand." They are presented with Seay's quick Texas wit and will make the reader laugh and cry. The issues presented in Seay's novel are very real and relevant to today's society; they are presented in a heartfelt way that makes a great story.

Both novels deal with love, loss and relationships. Seay sums up by saying, "Sometimes in your life you'll get really lucky. Someone will see you as better than you are, and it's true."



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A small but enthusiastic crowd turned out for Authors' Night, held Oct. 17 in the Gregory Forum on the Clackamas campus.

# Enrollment up at CCC

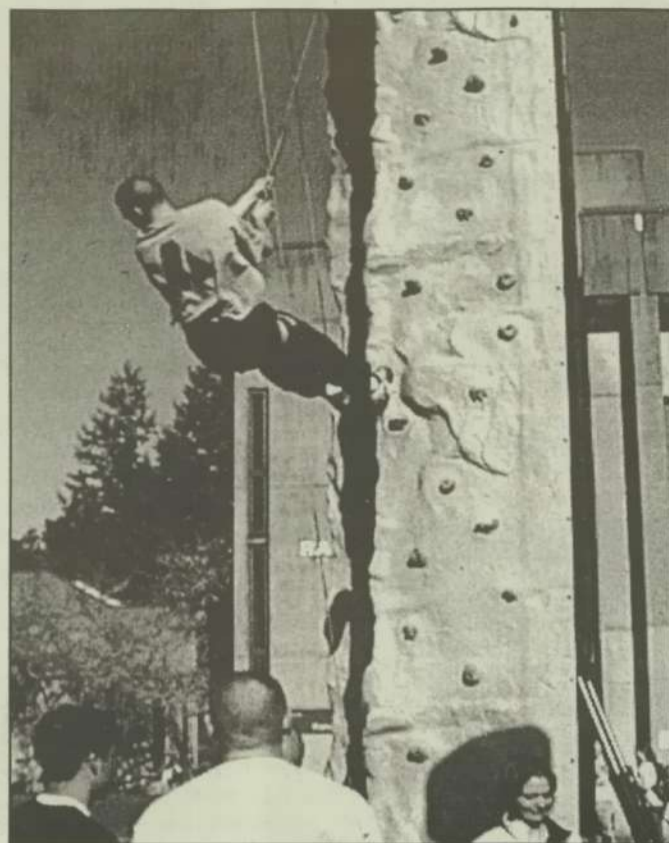
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According to Debbie Baker-Antcliffe, director of community education, additional classes were added to the curriculum such as a Russian class, a writing 123 class, a sign language class and an extra speech class that might have had something to do with the increase in num-

bers. Another reason might be good advertising.

"Our instructors are getting a good reputation, and our location is convenient for working students," said Antcliffe. She also believes that students are sharing their experiences on campus with friends and family.

"Word of mouth is one of the best tools," said Antcliffe.



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Pvt. Treavor Thorne of the U.S. Army rappels from the top of the rock wall during the community fair held on campus last week.

# Criminal Justice sees rise in enrollment

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Due to a faltering economy, the Criminal Justice Department here at Clackamas has seen a rise in enrollment this fall, which forces students to sit closer than before.

According to Criminal Justice Department Chairman Richard Ashbaugh, enrollment in the program has gone up by over 200 students. With an enrollment total of 530, up from 310 last fall, the department is "bursting at the seams." The department has added two more online sections to the program in order to accommodate this increase.

"We just absorb them in" said Ashbaugh. He said that classes that normally would have 30 or so students now can have up to 50. The increase of students inside the classroom has forced students to sit closer to each other than they would have last year.

Although no one knows for sure why the department's enrollment has gone up so much, Ida Flippo, a criminal justice instructor, and Ashbaugh both have the opinion that it may be due to the faltering economy. Whenever the economy goes down, enrollment goes up. Some may say that enrollment has gone up because of the recent terrorist attacks, but Ashbaugh estimates that less than one fourth of students signed up after Sept. 11.

So if you are considering a future position in the police force and would like to attend Clackamas Community College, be prepared to squeeze in.

# CCC program holds book fair

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The Barnes & Noble bookstore in Clackamas will donate 20 percent of all profits from a book fair sponsored by Clackamas Community College's Volunteer Literacy Program on Saturday, Oct. 27 from noon-4 p.m.

"This is a prime fundraiser for purchasing materials," said Kerrie Shrock, volunteer literacy tutoring coordinator. The monies raised will be used to purchase learning materials for the volunteer tutors in the program.

Last year the program was able to raise over \$1,200. However, this year's purchases must be made with a voucher in hand, which may make it more difficult to get the same results. A table will be set up inside the store with vouchers available.

"We are not allowed to approach people with our vouchers," said Shrock. "So people are going to have to come to us."

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