

# ASG dance to benefit Red Cross relief efforts

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A benefit dance hosted by the Associated Student Government will be held Friday, Nov. 30, from 8 p.m. to midnight in the Gregory Forum. DJs from Portland radio station Jammin' 95.5 will be on campus, and the show will be broadcast live.

In Clackamas' history, several school dances have taken place, the very first one back in 1968. This year, Jennifer Lowe, ASG public affairs officer, and ASG senator Danielle Peterson are coordinating the dance.

"As far as I know, the last official dance here at Clackamas was held about 15 years ago," said Peterson.

The dance is open to everyone in the community and the admission price is \$5 per person.

"I hope lots of people will come. Our goal is to have 500 people at the dance. That would be awesome," said Peterson.

To get people interested in the

event, the Jammin' 95.5 Street Team will provide hip-hop music and giveaways. Guests are encouraged to wear red, white and blue clothing.

"We hope that since Jammin' 95.5 is sponsoring the event, we will get more people in. It is a popular radio station and they will put it on air," said Peterson.

Putting on a dance nowadays is harder than way back in the '60s. Higher security standards are required.

"We will have rules. There will be no drugs, no alcohol and no big backpacks. We will allow small purses though," said Peterson. "We won't be able to provide childcare though because of liability issues."

According to Peterson, if the dance turns out to be a success and attendance is high, another one might follow soon. Proceeds from the event will be donated to the Oregon Trail Chapter of the American Red Cross. For more information, call extension 2247.



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The first ASG dance was held in 1968 and the last one was 15 years ago, and now there will be one in Gregory Forum on Nov. 30 to benefit the Red Cross. They hope that 500 people will attend and planning to have another dance if this one is a success.

## Recent theft raises questions about bookstore security



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A sign at the bookstore asks students to leave their backpacks outside, which has resulted in thefts. Use of the lockers is suggested, but they are used infrequently.

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Students should think twice about leaving their bags outside the bookstore in McLoughlin, since they can get stolen from right under their noses while they peruse the selection of books and supplies.

On Oct. 26, 2001, at approximately 11:45 a.m., Public Safety officers responded to a call that a man had his bag stolen from in front of the bookstore. He is a student and also a salesman for Apprentice Book Company and was at the bookstore when he left his bag just outside, as per the bookstore's policy. Upon returning, he discovered the bag was gone. Public Safety took a statement as they began a search of the surrounding area. They discovered his bag in the men's bathroom in McLoughlin, with everything still there except his cell phone.

"They were glad their bag was still

there with all their school work. They had something like three weeks worth of notes," said Larry Dexheimer, chief of Public Safety.

Public Safety hopes people will begin to take a more active role in the well-being of their personal belongings. They suggest that people lock up their personal belongings and not just assume nothing will get taken. Another suggestion was made to the bookstore, and currently an option for students, are the lockers outside the bookstore. They require a 25 cents deposit, which releases a key. When the key is returned, so is the quarter.

"They have the lockers right there, people either chose not to use them or didn't know they were there," said Dexheimer.

Public Safety is not in favor of the current procedure that the bookstore has to protect their merchandise or student's belongings. This is not only a possible issue of theft, but a danger of personal safety.

"People can trip over bags walk-

ing into the bookstore. Something needs to be done," said Dexheimer.

Dexheimer and Bookstore Director Dave Holcomb have discussed this ongoing issue and hope to solve it soon.

According to Holcomb the lockers have been here longer than we has and still not many people take advantage of them.

"I would hope people would use them," he said. "People who leave their bags down have very little choice in the matter."

The bookstore cannot run the risk of having merchandise stolen by leaving people in with large bags or backpacks.

The incidents do not happen often, but when they do, it is something that needs to be recognized.

"It's rare when it does happen. But [Dexheimer] is aware of some of the challenges we have," said Holcomb. "I wish we didn't have to live in a world where we had to worry about things like this, but we do," said Holcomb.

## Speech team competes at world competition

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eral of the top categories. There was an award given for the community college division, where Clackamas received a Bronze medal. Solano Community College took the gold while Diablo Valley College walked away with the silver medal.

"Competition wise, I'd have to say, going against some incredibly good debate teams and knowing that we were competitive in our own region," said Samantha Griffin, member of Speech and Debate.

Typically, it is known that if a team fares well in the California or Arizona competitions they are able to go onto bigger and better things. Clackamas was invited to attend the tournament to be held at Glendale Community College in Arizona, near Phoenix.

"We have high hopes there (Arizona). If you fair well in California or Arizona, you have a pretty good chance over all," said Brennan.

Thanks to help from the administration and members of the faculty, the Speech and Debate team has been able to compete at several different tournaments and competitions. The administration has taken care of the costs for the national competition for the team. Brennan would like to give special thanks to Dr. Joe Johnson, college president, Kay Slusarenko, associate dean of arts and humanities and social sciences, Jane Rickenbaugh, department chair for communications and theatre.

"The administration has been very supportive," said Brennan. "It's because they gave us money..that we

need more of...that we were able to compete."

In Brennan's seven years of coaching, he's seen five bronzes at 35 national championships and nearly 1,400 individual awards. Members of Speech and Debate are also highly sought after by other colleges.

"When we first started it was like 'oh hear comes a community college (snickering) then when they saw we could do they were like wow, the Clackamas," said Brennan.

Clackamas will take on the world literally, on Dec. 27-Jan. 4 in Toronto, Canada. Samantha Griffin and Ke Baker-Hughes will represent Clackamas against schools from Beijing, Tokyo and the Philippines, to name a few, at the World Debate Competition.

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