

# Police put search for girl on hold

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The search for 12-year-old Ashley Pond, who disappeared Jan. 9 on the way to her bus stop, has come to a standstill. Investigators have stopped searching for Pond and are waiting for any new leads to develop before they start again.

"There will not be a search anytime soon that we are aware of. Unless something new in the case develops, and so far there's nothing new or of im-

portance," said Lieutenant John Stewart of the Oregon City Police Department.

The authorities are currently working on the leads they already have and are continuing to interview people who may have known Pond.

"We're just burning up a lot of shoe leather right now, and doing a lot of interviews," said

Stewart. "We're still trying to track down people that may have known Ashley or have some information for us," said Stewart.

Pond's family is concerned that the investigation seems to have fizzled out. They continue their vigil and hope

to hear something soon.

"It has just come to a halt for some reason," said Don Martin, Pond's grandfather. "It's been over a week since we heard anything."

While the investigation does continue and the prayers of family and friends persist, the longer it takes, the more disheartening the situation becomes. So, again, if you see or hear anything that may be related to this case, you are encouraged to call (503) 656-1045 or (503) 421-9882, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.



INTERNET PHOTO

Ashley Pond disappeared on Jan. 9 and is still missing. Police have halted their physical search for her and have no new leads. The family remains vigilant.

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Don Martin

Ashley Pond's grandfather

## ESL program is set to expand into Molalla

• CCC is using federal grant money to broaden the horizons of its growing ESL program.

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Clackamas' English as a Second Language (ESL) classes are expanding to Molalla.

ESL programs have not been offered in Molalla for several years, but with a recent federal grant, the ESL program is returning to that area. The federal grant given to the college is intended to extend education and technology to rural communities. The new classes are teaching computer skills along with the English instruction, increasing the value of the education available.

"There are a lot of people who need English language skills and don't have them," said Alice Goldstein, chair of the ESL department. "They need them for work, they need them to participate in the community, they need them for school."

Clackamas offers about 70 ESL classes per term, and enrollment is high. Enrollment at the Harmony Center alone has risen to 171 students this term, up from 130 a year ago. There is a waiting list to get into ESL classes due to their high demand.

In addition to the regular ESL programs, there is also an intensive English program for international students. The intensive English classes cost out-of-state tuition rates, since they are reserved for international students. The ESL classes on the Oregon City and Clackamas campuses cost a small tuition fee, and the community outreach classes are offered free of charge.

Classes are also expanding in Canby and Estacada.

"The grant is being used not just for ESL, but also to bring education to rural communities," said Goldstein. "It is being used for technology training."

ESL students are a diverse group. They come from many different countries, have been living in this country for different amounts of time, and have varying degrees of English skills. And some just need to improve in certain areas, so Clackamas offers classes from beginner level to advanced.

Alice Goldstein suggests to the other students that they should make friends among the ESL students. "They are a big part of the campus. The other students should get to know them."

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Alice Goldstein  
Chair of ESL department

## CCC hosts another terrorism colloquium



MIKE POLLOCK / Photo Editor

Dr. Patricia McFarland, (shown), joined Dr. Jackie Flowers, both history instructors at CCC, in helping the social science department host a colloquium titled "Terrorism in the West." The colloquium was held in McLoughlin Hall on Thursday, Jan. 31, and drew nearly 20 students.

### Student Reaction

*"It was informative, but they refused to associate America with terrorism, which in my opinion is wrong. It seemed to me like Ms. Flowers avoided at all costs saying that America has committed terrorist acts when every definition they used for terrorism fit America."*

Dave Scheidegger  
CCC student

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