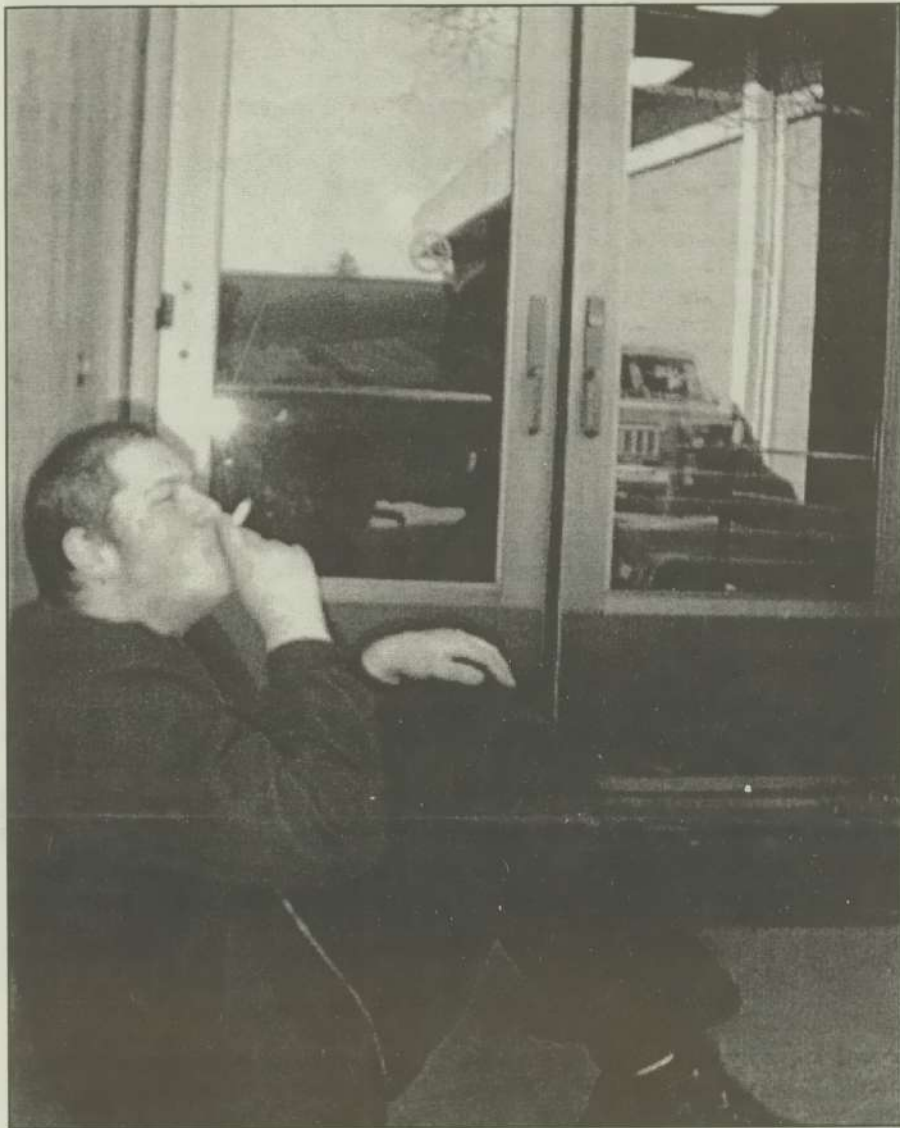


# ASG works for smoking fix



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Gabe Parker, student, sits enjoying a smoke right outside a door in Barlow Hall. The door posts one of the "No Smoking Within 25 Feet of Entrance Door" signs.

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Attempts by the student government to address the issue of smoking outside of school facilities have not fallen on deaf ears, according to Associated Student Government President Stefan Myers.

"People may have noticed that almost all of the entrances to buildings now have the new stickers on the doors," said Myers, referring to the "No Smoking Within 25 Feet of Entrance Door" signs that recently appeared on most entrance doors around campus.

"We actually wanted to get those stickers up much earlier than we did, but we hope that this will improve the air quality around entrances to campus buildings."

ASG has conducted several meetings with the Clackamas administration, most notably with Al Erdman, dean of college services, and Carol Patterson, associate dean of campus services. Most of these meetings have dealt with short-term solutions, but long-term goals have been discussed as well.

"Al respects the student's voice, as do I," commented Myers, "but we need to take into account all of the students on a particular issue, not just a select few. We really do not want to limit a student's choice on how to live their life, but the majority of our students do not smoke, so we have to take their best interests into account as well."

Clackamas banned smoking in all campus buildings before the 1989-90 school year and had banned the selling of all tobacco products in the college bookstore the previous year. Several attempts to appease the smoking population on campus have been made, including the installation of heat lamps and picnic tables at several building entrances. However, only the heat lamp fixtures on the fountain side of the Gregory Forum remain as evidence of these attempts.

As new construction is getting ready to begin on campus in the near future, ASG has hoped to implant some long-term goals on that process, in order to have students' best interests in mind, including those who wish to smoke.

"We really believe in the student's right to choose, we are really looking at opportunities with the new construction bond at improving our current facilities to help give our smoking students some reasonable comfort," said Myers. "We are also looking at the general topic of student space, to see if we can maximize the space that we have, and soon will be getting, with the addition of our new buildings on campus."

If any student has a complaint or comment about the smoking issue or any other issue, the student is asked to stop in at the ASG office, located in the Community Center across from the Cougar Café, and talk to any of the student leaders.

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## GED is anything but general; it's a challenge

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Clackamas' General Educational Development program underwent a major revision this year and with new, more relevant guidelines, continues to give students the opportunity to complete their high school education and plan for the fu-

ture.

The GED testing program, developed by the American Council on Education, enables people who have not graduated from high school to demonstrate the level of attainment normally acquired through the completion of high school study. The program, originally established for men and women coming out of the Army, has come a long way since its early days.

The first tests, developed in 1942, were administered only to military personnel to make it easier for returning World War II veterans to pursue their educational, vocational and personal goals. This opportunity proved to be a significant aid to the many service members whose academic careers had been disrupted during the war. In 1963, the General Educational Development Testing Service

came into being to make the transition to a program available also to non-veteran adults.

Since that time, the GED Testing Service has guided and directed a program that now serves more than 800,000 test takers annually at approximately 3,200 testing centers all over the nation. Testing is also given to military personnel stationed overseas and U.S. civilians and foreign nationals overseas who want it.

Fundamental to the program's success has been the acceptance of GED tests as a valid means of awarding high school diplomas. All 50 U.S. States, the District of Columbia, U.S. insular areas and 11 Canadian provinces and territories accept scores earned on GED tests. Most colleges and universities will allow GED score reports instead of complete high school transcripts.

Clackamas' GED testing pro-



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Instructor Linda Daugherty is helping one of her students, Anna Bates, who is involved in the GED program.

gram and those at other schools underwent a major revision process this year.

Although the revised program has only been used for about two weeks, you can already see the results, according to Jeff Davis,

an assistant to Miles.

"Students are getting really high results," he said. "It seems like they did a good job with the revision of the GED testing process."

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