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Large vehicles and machines require lots of space in order for students to work efficiently.



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The auto shop is packed for Friday's General Repairs course.

## Oregon City seismic requirements leave auto department in cramped quarters

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Design plans and blueprints are ready to go for the new auto shop at Clackamas, but it will be another five years before the school has the opportunity to apply for the funding to build it.

Ray Conklin, chair of Auto Service Technology, and several other faculty members worked on plans for the new automotive building for several months last year. According to Conklin, construction on the new building was scheduled to start last spring, and it

should have been finished by now. However, due to Oregon City's

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Chair of Auto Service Technology

earthquake safety regulations, it will be too expensive to convert

the old auto shop into classrooms, so the project has been put on hold.

The auto shop is currently located in Barlow Hall. The plan was to build a new facility for the overcrowded automotive program and remodel Barlow to accommodate more classrooms. The plans for the remodel, as well as the new building, were already completed when the school found out that adhering to the seismic regulations alone would cost several million dollars.

Conklin recognizes the department's dire need for a new building.

"We're maxed out," Conklin said. "We haven't had a seat avail-

able in any of our programs for over two years. The space has never been enough for the workload and the number of students we have." Conklin has been instructing auto classes at Clackamas for more than 28 years.

Conklin explained that a lot of square footage is needed to teach students about cars, since it requires that you park cars in the classroom. The fact that community college enrollment jumped twelve percent exacerbates the problem. Clackamas's facility also provides automotive education for many high school students in the area. According to Conklin, there is an extremely long waiting list to

get into the high school programs the college provides.

"I'm disappointed that we're not getting the building we worked so hard to plan," Conklin admitted, "but I understand the situation and it's not anyone at CCC's fault." When asked how he felt about the other buildings that are going up, he said "The other programs need the space just as much, in some cases more."

In about five years, College President Joe Johnson is planning to ask for a bond that will fund the seismic upgrades and help pay for the new building. Whether or not the college is able to afford the new building will be up to voters.

## Depression screening improves mental health awareness

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A year 2000 study from the American College Health Association said 10 percent of college students have been diagnosed with depression.

On Oct. 10, Clackamas Community College held a depression screening in Room 127 of the Community Center. The screening involved a short talk on mental illness, followed by videos on mental illness and social anxiety disorder. A screening survey was offered, with mental health professionals available for private sessions to discuss the results and treatment information.

"The screening can be very helpful for those who attend," CCC Advising & Counseling Center Department Chair Bill Zuelke said. "It gives them a chance to talk to someone about any symptoms of depression they may be feeling, or their friends might be feeling."

Screenings are sponsored by the college's counseling department, Willamette Falls Hospital and the Mental Health Task Force of Clackamas County, as part of National Depression Screening Day, and is available free of charge to students, staff and members of the community. The screening, held each year during Mental Illness Awareness Week, is designed to call attention to depression, manic-depression and anxiety disorders, as well as to inform students

about effective treatments options and connect those needing treatment to the mental health care system.

While successful diagnosis and treatment is more common among young adults, some studies have shown that two-thirds of those suffering from mental illness may never receive the help they need. The National Institute of Mental Health, one of many founding sponsors of the screening program, estimates 17 million American adults are diagnosed with depression each year, and according to the American Psychiatric Association, 80-90 percent of all cases can be treated effectively. However, successful treatment depends heavily on those suffering from depression, recognizing that there is a problem and seeking help.

"Most people wait until everything has collapsed around them before they talk to someone," said Zuelke. "Our hope is that students will come to work with us at the early stages of depression, and not feel like they need to have a huge problem to be able to get help."

The Advising & Counseling Center, located in the Community Center, has counselors available during all campus hours. Students looking for advice or who think they may be suffering from depression or anxiety are welcome to drop by, or to contact the Counseling Center at 503-657-6958, ext. 2213.

For friends and families of those suffering from mental illness,

Clackamas Community College and the Clackamas County National Alliance for the Mentally Ill is now offering a 12-week course designed to educate and help. "Family to Family" is set to run Mondays from 7-9:30 p.m. beginning Sept. 23 and continuing through Dec. 9. For additional information, call Judy Redler at 503-632-4453 or David Campbell at 503-657-6958, ext. 2600.

Free screenings for depression are available year-round. To locate a site near you, call 1-800-573-4433. More information about depression or other forms of mental illness can be obtained by contacting these organizations:

National Depressive and Manic-Depressive Association (NDMDA)  
730 North Franklin Street, Suite 501  
Chicago, IL 60610-7204  
(800)-826-3632  
www.ndmda.org

National Mental Health Association  
1021 Prince Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314-2971  
(800) 969-NMHA  
www.nmha.org

National Institute of Mental Health  
Information Resources and Inquiries  
6001 Executive Blvd.  
Room 8184, MSC 9663  
Bethesda, MD 20892-9663  
(800) 421-4211  
www.nimh.nih.gov

## Speech team makes Clackamas proud at Tacoma tournament

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Four of the five participants in last weekend's speech and debate tournament brought home trophies; that's quite an accomplishment considering that most of the Speech Team's members are, according to Forensics Advisor Kelly Brennan, fairly "green," or new to the game. The tournament took place Oct. 11-12 at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma.

Attending the tournament from CCC were Melissa Karki, Mary Scheum, Leah Clack, Amy Perin and LeAnn Naber. Naber placed third in Poetry, and Clack placed second in both the Prose and Drama Interpretive sections. Karki got second place in Communication Analysis, and was a finalist in the

Informative Speech area. Scheum was also a finalist in Prose Interpretation.

Brennan explained how disappointed he was that due to the budget cuts, only five out of the 22 team members could go. The people who were able to go were mostly returning speech students, according to Brennan, leaving the newer speakers behind. He also said that it is the hope of the entire Speech Department that more people will get a chance to compete in the near future.

Clackamas' Speech Team competed against a total of 24 schools and 98 debate teams. "We would have placed second if it were a sweepstakes, but because it was the first tournament, they didn't award places," said Brennan.

The next tournament will be held at Butte College, California, on Oct. 25.

## Campus Computer Use

Students and staff who use computers at Clackamas should be aware of the college's "Electronic Information Resources" regulations according to Karen Stubblefield, director of human resources. She added that e-mail

sent from college machines should conform to the policy, which says it is to be used "in a manner that supports the educational mission of the college."

The full text of the regulations is available in the computer labs.