

## Historic pact ties CCC, Coast Guard

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An unprecedented agreement was reached over the summer between the United States Coast Guard (USCG) and Clackamas Community College to allow Coast Guard members, past and present, the opportunity to earn an Associate's degree in Emergency Management, a course established four years ago in conjunction with Oregon Emergency Management (OEM).

The events of Sep. 11, 2001 have caused an increased demand for personnel specially trained for emergency management.

"All levels of government have emergency management staff," said Dick Ashbaugh, chairman of the

Criminal Justice department, "but now they're looking for people with degrees, rather than retired cops."

To better facilitate those in positions of public safety, OEM and Clackamas have created a program which is described in the course catalog as designed to "prepare a student to make decisions, problem solve, communicate effectively, and coordinate all resources necessary for preparedness, mitigation, response and recovery from any possible disaster."

This program, entitled Emergency Management, was established four years ago and has since been adopted by the states of Texas, Georgia and Virginia.

More recently, CCC and the USCG have established the first formal degree program between the Coast

Guard and a college in the United States. According to a recent college press release, this will provide an unique opportunity for approximately 35,000 active, retired and reserve Coast Guard members to earn their Associate's degree based on the training they have already received through their training within the Coast Guard.

The general population of the United States is barely aware of the existence of the Coast Guard, and the amount of good they do for the nation.

According to the USCG website, "The U.S. Coast Guard seized more than 93,000 pounds of cocaine in the Eastern Pacific Ocean in the fiscal year that ended Sept. 30, 2002; an amount equal to 80 percent of the 117,280 pounds of cocaine seized." Add that to the 40,060 pounds of marijuana

seized, and the Coast Guard is responsible for \$3.9 billion worth of narcotics never reaching your children.

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Chairman, Criminal Justice Department

In addition to the prevention of future drug dependence, the USCG also saves numerous individuals from

catastrophe. According to the USCG news website, on Oct. 16, three people were rescued from their sinking ship off Drayton Harbor in neighboring Washington state. The distress call was received at 8:14 p.m., and the Coast Guard was on the scene by 8:53.

The quick response of the USCG was crucial. With water temperatures in the 50's, hypothermia could have set in quickly, which could have caused the ship's crew to die.

The special training the USCG receives is quite essential when rescuing drowning people and confiscating large quantities of narcotics, but the Emergency Management skills taught here at Clackamas provide our Coast Guard men and women with the tools they need to safeguard Americans in any crisis.

## Board of Education okays new programs

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Although budget cuts are presenting a barrage of new problems for Clackamas, the Board of Education, according to their minutes, has approved a number of new programs to help students enter into their field of interest.

Among the new programs are the Hospitality and Tourism Management Certificate, the Electronic Publishing Certificate and the Clinical Lab Assistant Certificate.

All motions to create the new programs were unanimously passed by the Board.

"Hospitality and tourism are growing in importance to the economy of the college district.

This program will allow students to gain the skills and knowledge to enter the field or continue their studies at a university," according to the Board minutes.

A number of the courses will be offered on-line, permitting students to fit these courses into their busy schedules.

The Electronic Publishing Certificate, as was explained by Allied Health/Math/Science Associate Dean Baldwin van der Bijl "is a one year certificate program. Students can receive additional training and go on to receive a two-year degree. The entry level salary is \$25,000 to \$28,000."

It is hoped that the Clinical Lab Assistant Certificate program will begin in January.

Maureen Mitchell, an expert in the field of medical assistance, was introduced by van der Bijl during the Board meeting.

Van der Bijl also said that "the industry is extremely interested in this program," meaning not only do students benefit from this, but the health industry also benefits from much needed help. This is a one-year certificate, and the salary range begins at about \$12 per hour.

## Wilsonville campus wins award

Clackamas Community College's Wilsonville Training Center and two other buildings were named The American Institute of Architects 2002 Design Merit Award winners out of 50 submissions in late

October. Portland architectural firm Yost Grube Hall designed the Wilsonville Campus during the fast-track project involving Portland General Electric, PacifiCorp and CCC that

expanded the building from 15,000 to 51,000 square feet.

The award was also given to Beaverton City Library, Thomas Hacker Architects Inc., and to Neskowin Beach House, BOORA Architects Inc.

## Douglas Loop speed limit to drop to 20mph

The Clackamas Community College Public Safety department will be lowering the speed limit on Douglas Loop from 30 mph to 20 mph.

The speed limit change, slated to begin Sat., Nov. 16, is expected to last throughout the campus construction project. A one-week transitional period will be put into effect, during which drivers will be issued a warning if they continue to drive at the previous limit of 30mph. After the transition period, speeders can expect to receive tickets with compounding fines based on their speed over the limit, with 10 miles over running them \$77.

"There have been a lot of near misses," says Chief of Public Safety Larry Dexhemier. "It's a serious problem, especially at the exits to the parking lots around the Community Center."

Poor visibility at the parking lot exits combined with excessive speed from drivers combine to create a dangerous situation, says Dexheimer, a problem only compounded by the addition of parking lot closures and construction workers and equipment on campus during school hours.

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