

# Campus construction continues

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Copy Editor

Drier than usual fall weather has helped construction crews on the Clackamas campus, as work continues on three of the six new buildings at CCC.

"We could hardly have had better weather, the gods have been smiling on us this fall," said Dean of Campus Services Al Erdman. "All of the projects currently underway are on schedule and on budget."

Concrete pouring has been helped by the dry weather, which is great news for contractors from Baugh Construction, charged with building on the new sites. The sooner that slabs can get poured, the easier the rest of construction will be during the winter.

"In addition to current construction, we have received the bids back from contractors interested in the new Gateway and Pauling buildings," Erdman said. "The college is really very fortunate that the bids have come in lower than we expected, but those doing the bidding are excited for their companies getting major projects during the slow win-

ter months in the construction business."

No major problems have occurred during these initial phases of construction, although some large hurdles have had to be overcome.

"Construction personnel were digging on the site of the Gateway building when they came across some really large boulders in the ground," said Erdman. "One of these rocks was 12 feet by 6 feet, estimated to weigh about 30 tons. We hit several other 15-20 ton boulders in the same area. You just can't lift those out of the ground. Those rocks had to be broken up and hauled away."

Recently, more meetings have gotten underway to discuss renovations to existing buildings, once departments start moving out of their locations into their new spaces.

"It's not just a matter of moving departments, it is also what to do with the space that is left behind in current buildings," commented Erdman. "We have many issues to discuss along those lines, but everything has changed from the original plans. We need to not only look at the cost of renovation, but how we

can maximize the efficiency of those departments that will have to move."

Not many complaints have reached Erdman's desk as far as parking or public safety issues are concerned, although changes have been made recently that affect students. The speed limit on Douglas Loop around the campus was recently lowered from 30 to 20 mph. Construction personnel have reported no major hassles as far as interference with their work is concerned.

"Baugh Construction and the rest of the sub-contractors have really gone out of their way to insure that student accessibility has not been compromised in this process," Erdman said. "That was a big goal of this whole project. To have students and staff not be affected by what is going on around them. Contractors and equipment have been parking out of the way, and with the exception of the 50-75 spots that we took out of the Community Center, parking has not been an issue so far. Once the rain decides to make an entrance, however, all bets are off."

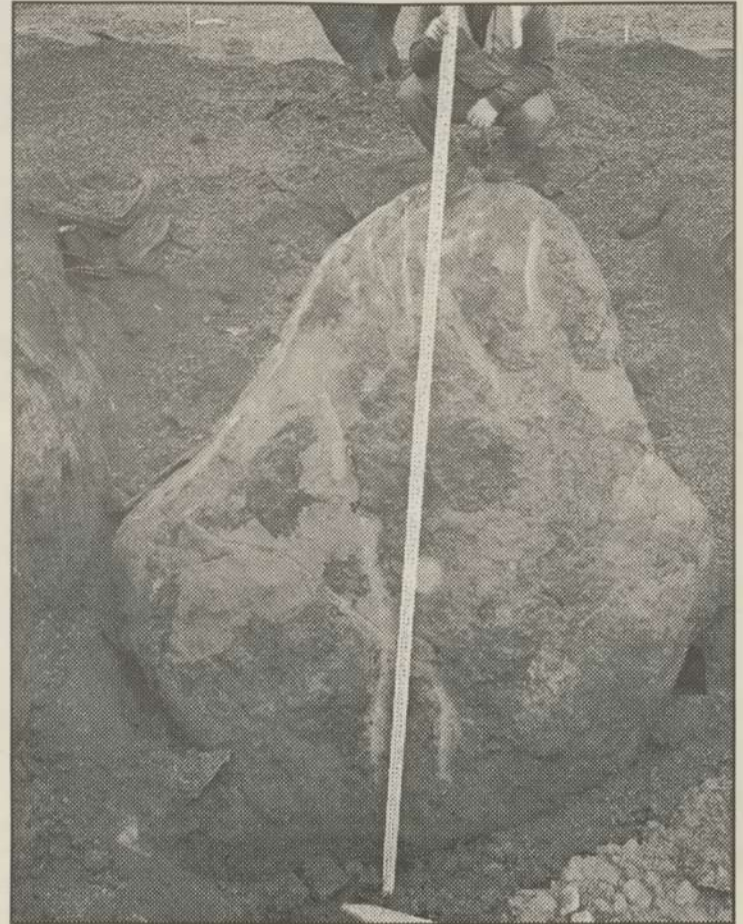


Photo contributed by Kirk Pearson

This gigantic rock was unearthed from the future home of the new Gateway Building. It is 12 feet tall and 6 feet wide, and weighs in at approximately 30 tons!

## Date auction to benefit ACS

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Phi Theta Kappa (PTK), CCC's chapter of the National Community College Honor Society, is coordinating a date auction to benefit the American Cancer Society (ACS).

Here is your chance to help.

Jan. 31, at 5:00 p.m. in the Gregory Forum, Phi Theta Kappa will host the auction, with 100 percent of the proceeds going to the ACS.

Contestants were chosen through an interview process in the cafeteria, and those fortunate enough were called back for a second interview, which took place on Dec. 2.

The PTK is soliciting prizes from

the local community, and looks forward to local media coverage.

"None of the applicants asked about the prizes," said Cyndee Mady, event chairwoman. "They just wanted to have fun and try something new. Plus it's for a great cause."

According to their official website, the ACS was founded in 1913 as the American Society for the Control of Cancer (ASCC) by fifteen prominent physicians and business leaders in New York City.

The Society's main purpose at the time was to make the general population aware of the severity of cancer. To accomplish this feat they wrote articles for popular magazines and professional journals.

Clarence Little, ASCC's managing director at the time, wrote "In 1935 there were fifteen thousand people active in cancer control throughout the United States. At the close of 1938, there were ten times that number."

In 1945, the ASCC reorganized and became the ACS, and has since raised \$2.2 billion for research, and helped fund 30 Nobel Prize winners. Quite a few students signed up to take part in this event.

Students selected to participate had to go through an interview process to be selected for the auction. To find out if one of your friends made the final cut, come to the date auction, Jan. 31, in the Gregory Forum.

## Colloquium examines domestic violence in Clackamas County

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The Clackamas Social Science department started the first of several colloquiums in late November, discussing and examining the topic, "Violence in our Community."

On Nov. 21, about 20 students and staff filled the seats to discuss violence in our community. The main topic for the first colloquium focused on child and domestic abuse in our community.

Marcy Cady, a social service specialist with the Oregon Department of Human Resources, explained the realities of family violence in our world. Hitting the realities of our hometowns.

"Often times we think of violence over there," said Cady.

In actuality, there were 96 reported rapes in Clackamas County during the 2001 calendar year and over 900 assault crimes.

In addition to sex crimes, child abuse was talked of extensively. In 1979, family violence became illegal and eventually the "Threat of Harm" law was enacted. This new law made it so if a child was present during spousal abuse, the child could be taken from the home.

"It's not as easy as you think," said Cady. "You have to be sure you have a strong basis to take children out of their home."

A controversial issue has

always been what to do with babies who are born addicted to drugs. According to Cady, the Department of Human Services likes to try to help the parent to lead a clean life, before taking the child.

In the event that children do get removed from their homes, the family goes through parent training, family therapy and individual therapy. In the end, about 59 percent of children are returned to their homes.

The majority of child abuse calls, about 16 percent, come from schools, said Cady. A chilling statistic presented by Cady is that of child brutality. In 2001, eight children died of abuse in Oregon alone.

During the same time the "Violence in our Community," colloquium was taking place, a "Celebrate what's right in the world," video was viewed next door. To the Environmental Learning Center's disappointment, attendance wasn't as high.

The video, which was about 20 minutes long, was a National Geographic film based on one photographer's views on life and how to absorb nature's wonders and use them with a positive outlook on life. An overlying theme was "perception controls our reality."

Strong positive outlooks such as, "Instead of griping about what's wrong with the world, ask what's right with it," and "when we believe it, we will see it," were stressed throughout the video.

## Finals Week Schedule

Class day & start time	Exam day & time		
Mon./Wed. or Mon./Wed./Fri.	Mon. 3/17	Tues. 3/18	Wed. 3/19
7:45 or 8 a.m.	8-10 a.m.		
9 a.m.			8-10 a.m.
10 or 10:15 a.m.	10 a.m.- noon		
11 or 11:30 a.m.			10 a.m. noon
noon or 12:45 p.m.	noon-2 p.m.		
1 p.m.			noon-2 p.m.
2 p.m.	2-4 p.m.		
3 or 3:15			2-4 p.m.
4 or 5 p.m.	4-6 p.m.		
Tues./Thurs.			
7:30 or 8 a.m.		8-10 a.m.	
9 a.m.		10 a.m.-noon	
10 or 10:30 am.		noon-2 p.m.	
1 p.m.		2-4 p.m.	
2:30 or 3 p.m.		4-6 p.m.	
4 or 5 p.m.		See your instructor	
conflicts			4-6 p.m.

Grades won't be mailed this year! They will be available on the internet at the college's website.