

Campus construction on schedule

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Construction on the new buildings on the Clackamas campus is on or ahead of schedule, while costs are running at or below projections, according to Dean of College Services Al Erdman.

"Construction is going great. We have had the fortune of a mostly dry winter so far, and we have taken full advantage," said Erdman. "We are at a crucial time in the various projects, but again, we have been very fortunate."

Concrete has been poured on the welding, art, Streeter and Gateway sites, while exterior walls have gone up at the art, Streeter and Gateway sites. The welding building is progressing at such a rate that "we are about two to three weeks ahead of schedule on that particular building," according to Erdman.

The brickwork taking place at the Streeter Annex site could be finished by this week. Roofing materials have been delivered for the art and Streeter annexes and, if the weather permits, the roofing of those two buildings could be finished by next week. This will allow workers to begin the tedious work on the interior of the buildings.

"The Pauling Annex is as complex of a building as any of the others currently under construction, but

we have the steel work completed and the concrete could be poured this week," said Erdman. "As with everything else in this project, timing is the key. I never paid much attention to weather reports before taking this job, but now I watch them with a new passion."

The first set of designs for the Communication Arts building has been completed, and bids are due to go out on that building in May, with hope for groundbreaking in July.

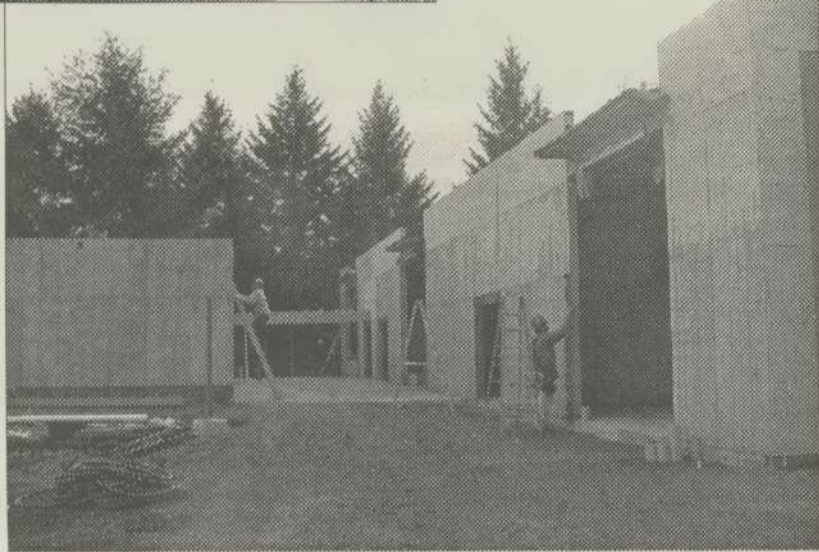
During the construction, a remodeling committee has been formed to take a look at existing buildings and plan what to do with those spaces once programs are moved to the new facilities. Also, plans are being drawn up to deal with ongoing maintenance of existing buildings, including pressure-washing exteriors, replacing outdated heating and ventilation systems and other long term projects.

"With all of this in mind, we need to make sure that we limit disruptions to students and staff. Baugh Construction has gone out of their way to make sure we have had minimal disruptions, and our staff has expressed their gratitude for this," Erdman said. "We have had no complaints by either the college or the contractors as far as trying to stay out of each other's way during this project, and for that I am very pleased. Things right now are going better than anticipated. We have been very fortunate."



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Right: Workmen from Baugh Construction continue framing work on the new art building, located between Randall Hall and the softball field. The recent stretch of dry winter weather has significantly helped the speed at which projects are progressing around the Clackamas campus.



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Community colleges 'big loser' in state's new budget; Clackamas mulls over future finances

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Clackamas Community College and other community colleges in the state of Oregon appear to be the big losers in Governor Ted Kulongoski's proposed 2003-05 budget, submitted to the legislature for its consideration last week in Salem.

The new governor, sworn into office Jan. 13, appears to have "singled out" community colleges with his budget proposal, according to CCC President Joe Johnson.

"To tell you the truth, we just don't know yet how this is really going to affect us, but we as community colleges feel we were singled out in all of the places to cut," said Johnson. "As it stands right now, we figure we will have to cut between \$1.2 and 1.5 million out of our operating budget for the next year."

Several factors will determine how much Clackamas will have to cut, including the vote on Measure 28 next Tuesday, which would raise income taxes by one-half of one percent for the next three years. If Measure 28 passes, then some of the proposed cuts may be restored by the

legislature.

Another big factor will be how much the college will have to fork out to help plug the deficit in the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS), a shortfall of over \$15 billion.

"The bottom line is we will have significant reductions in our operating expenses over the next year and with that, we anticipate having to ask for a large tuition increase," Johnson said. "We do not see the need to drop classes in the near future, but we will probably not add any classes. We will protect our full-time staff and try to step up our fundraising

efforts. It's not the end of the world, but it is going to be hard for a while."

Ballot Measure 28 will be put to a vote Tues., Jan. 28. If passed, the measure will raise personal income taxes for the next three years by one-half of one percent. It would also raise the corporate income tax by six-tenths of one percent. The latest polls have the measure failing, but proponents are gaining momentum.

The governor's proposed 2003-05 budget is smaller than the previous budget, but if current state service levels are maintained, the budget will be about \$2 billion short of where it needs to be.

Course help is out there; tutors available

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Whether you are seeking help or would like to offer a helping hand, Angelina Davis is on board to lend her support.

Davis took over the tutoring program at Clackamas Community College last fall. She has been making loads of progress implementing new procedures that will enhance the efficiency of the program, including an evaluation technique designed to aid tutors in their ability to communicate effectively with students.

Students who are enrolled in credit classes at the college qualify for free tutoring with authorization from their instructor.

"It is the instructor's job to teach the material," said Davis, "they are

the experts." If it becomes clear to the instructor that the student requires personal attention to optimize his or her performance in the class, a student application for tutorial assistance can be obtained from Advising (located in the Community Center).

The application is to be filled out by the student and signed by the referring instructor, at which time Davis will attempt to unite the student with a suitable tutor. Students can receive three to four hours per week of tutoring services per subject.

Tutors are paid \$8.38 per hour and allowed to work up to 12 hours per week. Davis is looking for tutors to cover the following subjects: accounting, biology, chemistry, nursing, physics and psychology. If you are interested in becoming a tutor simply visit Advising, pick up a blue tutor application and get the recom-

mendation of your instructor for the subject for which you are applying.

The various labs on campus are also excellent resources for students. Referred to as "drop-in labs," each has customized hours when students can simply drop in and request aid from a qualified tutor. Labs include: the Accounting Lab in McLoughlin Hall, the Math and Computer Science Lab in Streeter Hall, and the Technology/Data Center in Barlow Hall.

While each lab caters to its own specific field, the Computer Science Lab is also a general-purpose lab where students can use the computers for a variety of subjects, including accessing the Internet and checking e-mail. Technology tutors are available to assist students with problems as rudimentary as operating the mouse, to more advanced concerns, such as working with

spreadsheets or database programs. Students can identify tutors by the name badges around their necks; don't be afraid to ask for help, that is their purpose.

"Utilize the lab consistently as you need answers, rather than waiting until you have a test," suggests Lab Manager, Kathy Logemann. She feels optimal results can be achieved using this method instead of cramming.

There is a variety of free resources available at the college for students who want to improve their skills in a given subject. Tutoring opportunities also exist for those individuals who wish to earn extra money helping their fellow students. If you would like more information on obtaining or becoming a tutor, visit the college website at www.clackamas.cc.or.us or call Angelina Davis at ext. 2324.

Campus Incidents



All reports are taken from CCC's public safety incident logs. A summary of the reports will run weekly on page 2.

12-28-2002 1:03 a.m.

Campus Security approached red Ford pickup parked in Pauling lot. Driver and passenger in vehicle only partially clothed. After ID check, neither occupant had valid Oregon driver's license in possession. Passenger also had outstanding warrant. Called Oregon City Police. Passenger taken into custody. Driver was taken home and advised to have only a licensed driver pick up vehicle.

12-28-2002 7:30 a.m.

Campus Security received call from Portland Police. Portland Police had in possession two VCR's that may have been stolen from CCC. Both VCR's had words "Clackamas Community College-Wilsonville" and "Clackamas Community College-AV" inscribed on them. CPSO advised Portland that they would check to see if any equipment was missing and get back to them. Later contacted Portland and told them that two VCR's were missing. Had Clackamas County sheriff's deputy assist with dusting for fingerprints on items. Clackamas County informed CCC that they would take over case.