

# Construction nears end for three campus buildings

Campus Incidents



All reports are taken from CCC's public safety incident logs. Summaries are edited for clarity, not content.

3-11-03

Testing center staff member phoned requesting a stand-by in case potentially dangerous boyfriend of student should show up.

3-24-03

Contacted by white male regarding suspicious activity involving drug use seen the previous day in Barlow lot.

4-02-03

Saw vehicle doing 'cookies' on hail-covered lot. Followed car off campus.

4-07-03

Found license plates which came from stolen vehicle, according to CCom.

Are you an active member of the U.S. Armed Forces?

The Clackamas Print is looking for students who have been or may be deployed to Operations Iraqi Freedom / Enduring Freedom.

Please contact us at B104 or ext. 2309.



CORY PRICE Clackamas Print

The Gateway building will house the English, journalism and student services departments. Construction on the roof will begin as soon as weather permits.

Frank Jordan

The Clackamas Print

Construction is progressing well on the Clackamas campus, with one building nearing completion and two others in the final phases, according to the college's web site.

The welding and technology building, located near Clairmont Hall, is almost finished. A grand opening celebration is scheduled for Tuesday, May 6 at 5:30 p.m. The celebration will offer visitors an opportunity to see the first building completed in this voter-approved bond project that is responsible for CCC's current expansion, and give them some insight into the planning and construction phases of this innovative building, called one of the best training facilities on the West Coast by a leading welding supply company owner who toured the facility in February.

"The new building was very flexible in design. We have about twice as much space in the new facility as we did in Barlow Hall," said Scott Giltz, the newly appointed associate dean of the industrial division. "We have been moving equipment and classes into the new building since the end of

March. We obviously are very excited."

According to the college web site, the new art center, located between the softball field and Randall Hall, is nearing completion as well. The interior and exterior finishes have been applied and final grading is underway. Paving will begin in April, weather permitting. Landscaping will begin later this month. Classes will begin in the art center summer term.

Interior finish work is ongoing in the new Streeter Annex, with completion scheduled for mid-May. Doors and windows have been put in place and the exterior of the building is nearly complete.

The new Pauling Annex is now scheduled for completion in the fall. Exterior framing continues and as that finishes, the interior electrical, plumbing and mechanical work will begin.

Work on the new Gateway building continues and is still on schedule and on budget. The building, which will house the English department, as well as admissions, financial aid and student publications, has had stairs installed to the second floor, and, weather permitting, work will begin on roofing the structure.

## Tuition increase helps to fill hole in budget

Frank Jordan  
& Tina Tate

The Clackamas Print

The Clackamas Community College budget for fiscal years 2003-04 and 2004-05 is still up in the air while the Oregon State Legislature continues to debate the state's finances for the next biennium.

After facing a \$1.6 million deficit in the 2003-04 budget, last month the college's Board of Education formally approved an \$8 per credit hour tuition increase and the permanent elimination of seven exempt positions on campus, to take effect summer term 2003.

"With that, and in some other work that we've done, the college for the 2003-04 year is about \$600,000 in the black, which is good news," said Al Erdman, dean of college services. "It means that the \$1.6 million in cuts that we've made, along with some other things we've done from the last one

million dollars that we cut out of the budget, will position us well....The problem is that the governor's proposed budget, the \$1.6 million hole that we just filled, is based on the assumption that the state of Oregon in the next two years will grow by 14 percent. No one thinks that's possible because the economy right now is flat. Oregon is still in a state of freefall - we don't know that we've even hit bottom yet."

Erdman said that the governor and the Senate Budget Committee will release new views of the budget this week in response to the expectation that Oregon will not grow 14 percent. The college expects to lose even more funding.

"In that, it's widely believed that community colleges will lose another \$25 to 28 million in funding system-wide," said Erdman. "What that means...is that Clackamas will probably lose around another million dollars a year in state funding. So we're going to go back to the drawing board again to figure out how to fill that million

dollars."

Clackamas has created a "think tank" discussion group consisting of staff, students and administrators to help present ideas to help the college cut its current budget shortfall. According to the college council minutes to the April 4 meeting, the think tank's mission is to come up with \$940,000 to 1.2 million in cuts to the college's proposed budget.

College President Joe Johnson has told the discussion groups involved that there is nothing left to put on the table, as far as the college is concerned. Any and all ideas that the think tank comes up with will be considered.

"Even after the governor announces his proposed budget, even after the senate legislative committee...releases their proposed budget, that's when the wrangling starts about what are the priorities for Oregon," said Erdman. "Where's Oregon going to spend an increasingly declining amount of money, on what services? So we won't know - the college will probably be well out of its formal

budgeting process in June before we ever know how much money we will receive."

Linn-Benton CC in Albany and Chemeketa CC in Salem are the only community colleges in Oregon that will cost less than Clackamas for the summer/fall term 2003 when tuition and fees are combined. Mt. Hood CC will be among the state's highest at \$61 per credit hour. The average for the state's community colleges is about \$56 per credit hour.

## Activist poet and winner of Oregon Book Award to share work on campus

The English department will hold its first Poetry Reading of the term from noon to 1 p.m. on April 22 in Gregory Forum. Oregon poets Willa Schneberg and Paulann Petersen will read their work.

"They are both very good poets - they're excellent," said instructor Diane Averill, who said students as well as the public are welcome to attend the free event.

Schneberg was the 2002 Oregon Book Award in Poetry for her collection "In the Margins of the World."

Petersen, who Averill said is an activist around Portland, has had her work published in "Poetry," "The New Republic" and "Willow Springs." Petersen organizes January's Friends of William Stafford birth-

day events.

Averill said that the college is fortunate this year to increase the number of scheduled poetry readings as the result of a grant. Future poetry readings will include Peter Sears on May 7, a Calix Magazine production on May 12, Virgil Suarez on May 21 and Vern Rutsala on May 29.

"We were the recipients of a grant called Carried Voices," said Averill. "It's for small rural colleges who don't have the funds for thousand dollar poets to come read nationally. So we were really lucky because we are getting (Sears and Rutsala) for free."

- compiled by Tina Tate

CLACKAMAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE PRESENTS:

THE AMAZING  
**MICHAEL CHABON**

ONE NIGHT ONLY!

PULITZER PRIZE-WINNING AUTHOR OF THE AMAZING ADVENTURES OF KAVALIER & CLAY

TICKETS \$10

APRIL 20 AT 7 P.M.

CCC GREGORY FORUM

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE ASB OFFICE OR AT EASTWAX OUTLET'S 1-800-952-TEXX

CLACKAMAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE