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# Election race crosses finish line



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May election ends in victory for Marlies Berney, (left) 2003-2004 ASG president, and Liz Pike, vice president. Interviews for remaining ASG positions will begin soon and will continue until all positions are filled.

## Berney, Pike take reins of '03-04 student government

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The votes are in and it's official: Marlies Berney will represent Clackamas as the 2003-2004 ASG president, while Liz Pike will serve as vice president.

During the May 8-9 elections, 200 people voted for the ASG president position and nearly as many people voted for the vice president position. When the votes were counted, Berney had secured 136 votes to win with a 68 percent majority. Her competitor, Christopher Cox, secured 49 votes (24.5 percent). Fifteen votes went to write-ins, including one for Luke Skywalker.

"Some people seemed really surprised to me," said Berney. "I wasn't saying I was going to win...but I just knew that I knew a lot of people who were going to vote and I was hoping they'd vote for me....But the big margin, no way, I had no idea."

Pike received 102 votes (51.8 percent) to become the vice president-elect. Brandi Bean received 50 votes (25.4 percent) while Christina Miller received 33 votes (16.8 percent). There were 12 write-in votes, including one for Sponge Bob Square Pants.

"I felt confident about running," said Pike. "But I thought it was a closer race than it ended up being. I was thinking it was going to be really close, and then we got the results

back. I was actually shocked by that."

Though Pike won't officially serve as the ASG vice president until next year, one of her primary responsibilities will begin now. She will assist Erika Egger, current vice president, in selecting next year's ASG team. Pike said that anyone interested in one of the approximately 20 positions, including officer, senator to an officer or senator-at-large positions, needs to submit an application to her. Applications can be found in the ASG office (CC 140) or online at [www.clackamas.cc.or.us](http://www.clackamas.cc.or.us).

Applications are accepted year-round, but interviews for the 2003-2004 will begin soon and will continue until all positions are filled.

Berney plans to attend a Crossover meeting for the Oregon Community College Student Association later this month. She will meet with other student presidents from Oregon community colleges to discuss issues affecting the state,

particularly the current economic struggles.

Mindy Brown, coordinator of student leadership, said that the primary role for Berney and Pike right now is to work with the current president and vice president to learn the positions in preparation for taking over next year.

"I thought the process went really well this year," said Brown. "I was pleased to see that we had competition. I thought that all of the candidates conducted themselves very well and I thought that was great."

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Marlies Berney  
ASG president-elect

# Garden enthusiasts swarm spring plant sale

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Students, faculty and community members inundated the horticulture department's Spring Plant Sale on Friday, snatching up thousands of dollars worth of plants in just a few hours.

At this popular event, the good stuff goes fast—and it's all good stuff.

The usual crowd of box-carrying plant enthusiasts plugged the sidewalk outside Clairmont Hall well before the sale opened at noon.

Lee Ko walked away from the sale with \$28 worth of assorted plants: some perennials, a few annuals and eight tomato starts in seven different cultivars. After visiting the sale, she went to a few farmers' markets that were less impressive.

"(The) sale just spoiled me," said Ko. "There's great variety and prices are so reasonable."

Although she has attended the sale once before, this was Ko's first year to arrive shortly after noon.

"It was a buying rampage," she

said. "It was a feeding frenzy, and I joined in."

Horticulture students grow all the plants for the annual sale during winter and spring terms. The horticulture students in the three-term series of practicum classes select a crop winter term, said second-year horticulture student Alexia Newman. The students form small groups and choose varieties they want to grow.

Newman estimates she spent about 15 hours outside of school transplanting the seedlings her group started in the winter term practicum class. Her group, which lost a member from winter term, grew 15 different varieties of perennials for the sale, including delphiniums, columbines and Echinacea.

Preparation for the department's biggest sale entails more than hard work, though. Prior to setting out the plants for the sale, students collect 20 percent of their own crops, which they are allowed to keep for themselves, and set up for a four-hour trading session.

"We spent a whole class period trading plants," Newman said. "We

just go at it."

The night before the sale, horticulture students and faculty gathered for pizza and a final chance to pick out the hottest plants. The department raffled prizes and presented awards.

Although the big event of the year is over, the pressure isn't totally off of students in the practicum class, said Newman. She's part of the annual gardening group, which designs and creates a garden. It's slated for planting today, "so I'm still busy," she said. Other practicum students have different projects, such as tending to plants in the greenhouses and hoopouses.

Profits from the sale reached \$8,800, which will fund scholarships for horticulture students, according to department chair Elizabeth Howley.



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Lee Ko walked away from the annual sale with \$28 worth of assorted plants. She said the variety and prices were more impressive than those at a few farmers' markets. Proceeds from the sale will fund scholarships for horticulture students.

FIVE DAY FORECAST		Wed May 14	Thu May 15	Fri May 16	Sat May 17	Sun May 18
COURTESY OF WEATHER.COM		partly cloudy 63°/42° 10 % chance of rain	partly cloudy 59°/43° 10 %	few showers 52°/41° 30 %	few showers 55°/38° 30 %	few showers 59°/40° 30 %