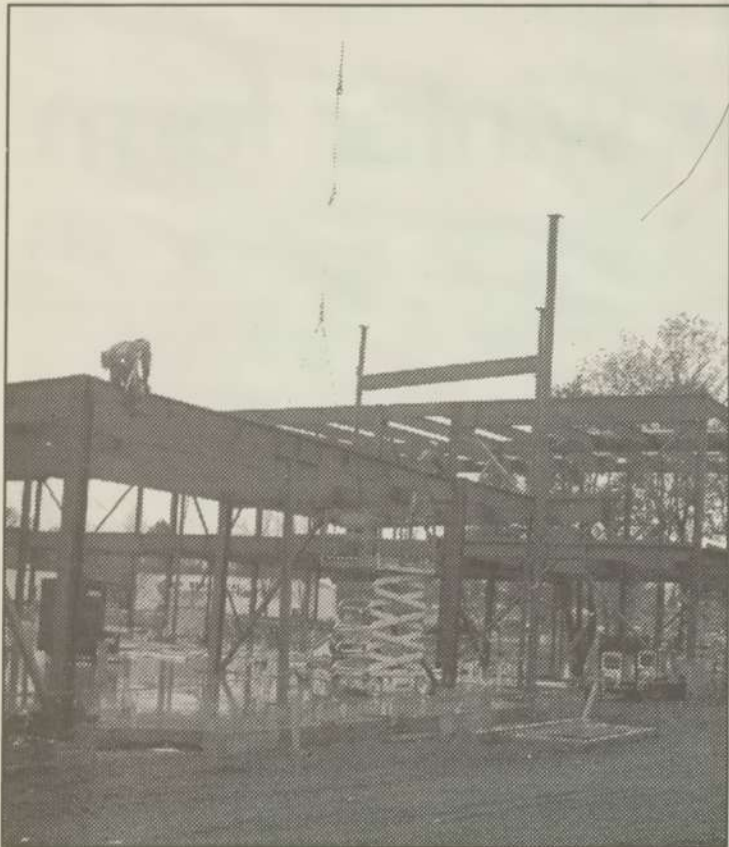


Million dollar gift benefits students



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This construction site, when finished, will be the new home of the John and Ginger Niemeyer Communication Arts Center.

Jesse Lamond
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As the result of a \$1.3 million gift to the college, the currently under-construction Communication Arts Center is to be renamed the John and Ginger Niemeyer Communication Arts Center, in honor of the donors.

Clackamas Community College received the major monetary boost in the form of a \$300,000 construction gift presented to the college by the Niemeyers.

The gift is directed towards the ongoing campus construction and will be paid out in \$100,000 increments over a period of three years.

The money is but a small part of the much larger \$1.3 million package that the couple has decided to give CCC as a dedicated fund through the Oregon Community Foundation directed to the Clackamas Community College Foundation.

Aside having from the Niemeyer name posted on the outside of the building, there will also be a plaque inside that gives information about the donors and reasons for their \$1.3 million contribution.

"[The Niemeyers' gift] stems from a genuine interest in helping students,"

said Joe Johnson, college president. About \$700,000 of the large endowment is to support scholarships for professional and technical students interested in welding, manufacturing, nursing, horticulture, automotive, building construction and apprenticeship programs.

The new building the donated monies will fund is currently just a concrete pad and stacks of steel girders. When completed, it will house the new theater as well as the music and speech programs.

An improved gallery space for visiting artists and student shows will also be constructed in the new facility and can be used for displays and receptions held now in the Pauling Gallery across campus.

Though most of the money will be going to professional and technical uses, at least a part of the \$1.3 million, approximately \$300,000 to be exact, will go to the music, speech and theater programs that are actually to be housed in the new building.

The gift is expected to be mostly worked out in several weeks' time and college officials say that the funds can be used as soon as is practical. No word has been given on when the scholarship money will be made available.

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International students pay high price for U.S. education

Shingo Izumi

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Following a national trend, the number of international students at CCC declined this fall, dropping from 54 students to 21 students in the spring of 2001.

According to *The Oregonian*, the number of international students in Oregon's three largest universities has been shrinking since 2001 because of tougher government scrutiny and financial pressures.

Campus surveys by Open Doors, a publication that presents comprehensive information on international students in the United States, suggest that the decline may also be due to a combination of factors including new visa application processes, financial burdens and international students' interest in attending college in other host countries.

Even after international students make their way through the complicated visa regulations, they still have to deal with tuition costs. At CCC, an international student will pay \$2,136 in tuition and fees for 12 credit hours next term, compared to \$660 for Oregon residents. This is especially difficult because in most cases, international students cannot work to help offset costs; student visa restrictions require that international students do

not work in the United States unless it's on a college campus.

"It's just unfair because we cannot make any income to pay for tuition," said Korean student Jinwon Lee.

Mique Obriero, who arrived from Kenya just two months ago, is a Clackamas student hoping for a job on campus. At the moment, all he can do is to wait for a vacant position.

"It doesn't matter [what the job is], but now I'm just staying," he said. In addition to the hurdles international students must overcome regarding jobs, they also have to face the fact there are not many federal scholarships for which international students can apply, although websites such as Fastweb.com offer a few.

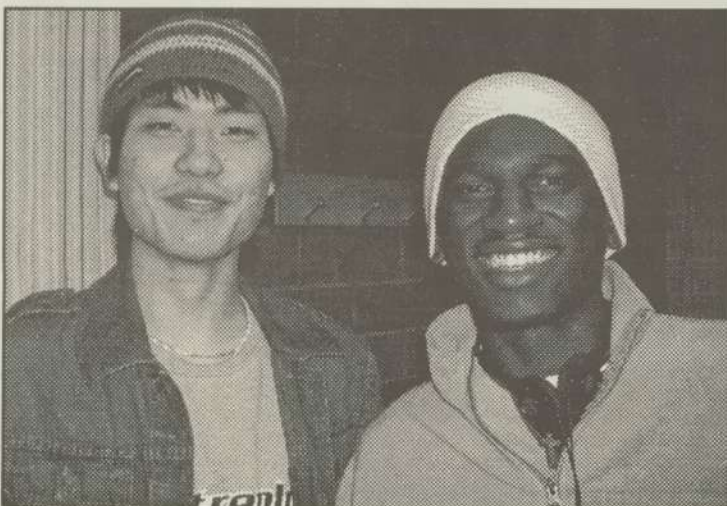
For the most part, international students have no way to pay for tuition but their hard-earned savings and some parental support.

Lee is planning to transfer to Wisconsin University after fall term; however, he says that the tuition is much higher than at Clackamas.

"I may have to pay over \$3,000 for tuition per term," he said.

On the other hand, there is hope for some students. Obriero hopes to get a scholarship from a private university.

"There is a chance," he said. "One of my friends got a scholarship that includes housing and half of tuition."



SHINGO IZUMI CLACKAMAS PRINT

Students Jinwon Lee, from Korea, and Mique Obriero, from Kenya, pay more for tuition than local students.

Many international students might have come to the U.S. with hope, but some may not be able to make their dreams come true just because it's too expensive.

"The reason I came to the U.S. is to get a good education and to help the average person have a better life," said Obriero.

On a visit to Somalia and Libya four years ago, Obriero saw the dire

conditions ... people didn't even have food, clothes or housing.

"They don't have anything," he said. Obriero decided to study in the U.S and major in microbiology—and he has a specific goal for his education.

"Just one vaccine can help in another country," he said. "I just want to help everyone as much as I can. I'll do it as long as I live."

Fair helps campus clubs gain new members

Karlin Johnson

THE CLACKAMAS PRINT

Despite last week's snowy weather, those seeking an extra-curricular activity were able to attend this term's Clubs Fair. The fair was organized by Associated Student Government (ASG)'s Senator of Clubs, Dominique Rodriguez.

"We have [fairs] every year; it helps to recruit new members to the clubs we offer at Clackamas Community College," said Rodriguez. "Lots of people came in and most of the clubs gained new members."

Clubs who wished to advertise came to the fair or brought in flyers. The clubs at this year's fair included the Writers Club, German Club, French Club, Baptist Christian Ministry, Campus Crusade for Christ, Horticulture Club, Child Care Club, Amateur Astronomers, CCC Cheer, Computer Club, Phi Theta Kappa, Rainbow Club and Unidos Club.

There will also be club fairs during winter and spring terms, for those who were not able to attend last week. Dates for these fairs are to be announced.



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Phi Theta Kappa members Sonia Thomas (left), Nancy Davis, Becky Hall, Stacie Bariesheff and Sara Atkeson at the Fair.

To learn more about the clubs offered on campus, check out the Club Corner on the back page for meeting times and locations, or contact Senator of Clubs Dominic Rodriguez at ext. 2245.

Beagle: Lands on Mars Dec. 25

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... "The Beagle" traveling around the planet and had not spent time on the Galapagos Islands, we probably wouldn't have his book "The Origin of Species" today."

According to www.beagle2.com, "Beagle 2" will attempt to answer age-old questions about this mystifying planet and its potential to sustain life. Is there currently life on Mars? Did life exist there in the past? What is it about the "Red Planet" that maintains the interest of scientists and what makes them believe in the possibility of life on Mars in the first place?

With new technologies, it may now be possible to come up with some definitive answers to these questions; however, a successful mission to Mars has yet to occur.

"There's an interesting thing going on with Mars; it is quite a bit further away than the moon, bringing

a whole new level of complications. We've been very successful about sending probes to the moon, circling the moon—we've even landed people on the moon," said Misley. "Our track record on Mars is not as good."

According to Misley, less than half of the probes previously sent to Mars have safely landed.

"The way we play the game of science is: every time we get one wrong, we learn from it," he added.

Misley hopes past experiences will help make this voyage of discovery a successful one so that further strides in the path of universal exploration can be taken.

"We're in the land of high-tech robotics. Now the argument is how, when and should we ever send humans to Mars," said Misley. "We kind of have to see how some of these robotic experiments come back."

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www.beagle2.com

Public Safety **Logs**

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

11-18-03 11:20 a.m.
Staff reported white male adult urinating outside Community Center building near bus turnaround.

11-19-03 11:25 a.m.
Student reported vehicle keyed over two weeks ago.

11-19-03 11:30 a.m.
Met with victim for report information on car being keyed.

11-19-03 7:19 p.m.
Took information on two car break-ins.

11-20-03 3:30 p.m.
Walker reported car break-in. No suspects.

11-22-03 7:20 p.m.
Checked voice mail on cell phone. Call of a person trapped in elevator in Randall. Made contact with person, was not trapped in elevator, just wanted elevator activated due to his disability.

11-23-03 1:04 p.m.
Saw white Toyota Celica in Family Resource Center overflow parking lot. Talked with occupants of vehicle previously on 10-30-03. They were asked to leave at that time. Spoke with both occupants of the vehicle. Told them if they weren't attending class they would be excluded from the campus. Left without incident.

11-24-03 3:35 p.m.
Investigate non-injury accident. Info exchanged between drivers. Both vehicles are driveable.

CORRECTION:

In an article about damage to a student's Mercedes, the procedure for reporting the crime was inaccurately described.

Campus Public Safety officers, who are deputized through Clackamas County Sheriff's Office, can file the report here on campus.