

MEASURE 30 FAILS

61% NO, 39% YES as of 8:30 p.m. last night

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Three cars stolen from campus

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Another rash of car thefts on the Clackamas campus has Campus Safety officials concerned, but they are doing everything that they can to make students and staff aware of the need for caution.

Four thefts were reported to Campus Safety in the last three weeks, although one of the theft reports turned out to be a false alarm. That vehicle was actually misplaced by a student.

Two of the thefts occurred in the Community Center parking lot and the other theft happened in the Barlow parking lot. One of the vehicles was a 1980s Toyota, another was a 1990s Toyota and the third was a 1980s Ford Courier pickup. Only one of the vehicles has been recovered, although Campus Safety would not comment on which one.

"Two of the thefts occurred during daylight hours during the week and one happened on a Saturday," said Campus Safety

Officer Peter Kandratieff. "People who commit these crimes can be pretty bold, but they also tend to take advantage of the fact that there are a lot of cars on campus these days, and we can't keep an eye on every one of them."

According to the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office, car thefts are a pretty common occurrence in this area. There has not necessarily been a rise in such thefts lately, but the Sheriff's Office and the Oregon City Police have been doing stepped-up patrols in and around the Oregon City campus of CCC.

"People have to realize that with budget cuts, all of the local police agencies have been stretched to the limit. Clackamas County has at least a two-to-three-week backlog of theft cases that they are still trying to get a handle on," said Kandratieff. "We really need students and staff to be very aware of their surroundings at all times, and if they see something suspicious, then they need to report it to [Campus Safety]."



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Student demonstrates unlawful entry in this photo reenactment of car thefts last week.

Former governor visits campus to encourage young parents

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Former governor Barbara Roberts came to campus last week to tell students about her struggles as a single mother and inspire them to do more than they think they can.

Linda Durham and Wendy Heinz, instructors of the Young Parent Opportunity Program (YPOP), invited Roberts to speak at their class in direct correlation with their unit on government. This term's theme for the program, whose students are all parents ages 16-20, is "We can make a difference for our children."

The unit began with discussions about Ballot Measure 30, educating

the students about the measure and encouraging them to vote on the ballot.

Roberts was asked to speak to the class as part two of the lesson on government, Durham said. She gave the students a first person view of politics, as well as being an inspiration to the students with her comments about being a single mom trying to make it by.

"I was very inspired by everything—mostly about what she said about you can do anything," said Trina Henshen, YPOP student. "So don't let anyone tell you, 'You can't [do something].'" Everyone has an equal right."

"She made me realize that, no matter how hard life can be, it will always work out some way," said YPOP student Pamela Agee.

In her presentation to the stu-

dents, Roberts spoke about her struggles as a single mother of two children, one who is autistic. When her son Mike was in first grade in the Parkrose School District, he was sent home due to the condition. She enrolled Mike in a residential program for a year and a half.

There, she was told that her son's autism was her fault, driving Roberts to fight the judgments of professionals. Roberts and other parents of autistic children began a petition to the legislator for a grant to test the ability of autistic kids to be educated in a public school setting. Parkrose legislator Frank Roberts, whom Barbara Roberts later married, drafted the bill for the parents and Barbara was elected by the rest to deliver the bill to the capitol.

This was the beginning of Roberts' climb toward a political career.

Through her years as a member of the Oregon House of Representatives (1981-1985), her term as Oregon's Secretary of State (1985-1991) and her four years as Oregon's first woman Governor, she was an advocate for the educational rights of disabled children, as well as helping implement the Oregon Health Plan and expand other programs to help Oregonians move from welfare to the workplace.

"As governor, I had to be places where people liked me and places where people hated me," Roberts said. Although she doesn't miss the long hours, she does miss the influence she had as governor to help others.

Roberts' presentation about her political career and her trials as a young mother living off \$400 a month inspired many students, like YPOP student Chris Rockhill.

"She makes you realize that even if the odds are against you, you can still succeed," he said. "She has inspired me to meet my goals no matter how hard they may be."

The lessons the students are currently learning about are the three branches of the government. They are also learning about the checks and balances of America's governmental society.

A field trip to the state capitol



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on Feb. 26 will conclude the section. According to Durham, the students will meet with current Governor Ted Kulongoski, as well as have the chance to ask the governor pressing questions that they have. Students will also visit the Oregon Supreme Court.

Roberts lives by a statement from Eleanor Roosevelt: "No one can make you feel inferior without your consent." She wanted every student to hear these words and take them to heart. She left the students with words of encouragement to have confidence in themselves and try to make a difference for their children.

"When you're looking for a hero," she said, "you may be that hero and you may recognize your leadership, but others may not see it."



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YPOP class met with former governor Barbara Roberts last week. (Back row from left) Chris Rockhill, Pamela Agee, Jessica Wells, Tiffany Frias, Monica Escobedo, Christopher Vachen, Belen Chavez, Kelly Wilkinson, Trina Henshen, Melissa Barrett, Becca Grace and Kristi Darnell. (Front row from left) Lizabeth Gonzales, Jennifer Kraus, Kelly Hensley, Sparkle Maxwell and Andrea Leonetti.

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