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## Mold will close Harmony Campus temporarily

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Clackamas Community College's Harmony Center campus near Clackamas Town Center will close beginning spring term so at least 10 classrooms can undergo mold remediation.

Many of the classes that have occupied the Harmony Center in the past few terms have been already moved to other locations, mostly on the Oregon City campus. The mold remediation is scheduled to begin in April and should be completed for the beginning of fall term.

"We have identified certain places in the Harmony Center complex that have gotten real bad with the mold, so we decided that now was the best time to have the work done," said Dean of Campus Services Al Erdman. "There are about 10 classrooms in the building that will have the remediation work done, and we decided to close those rooms instead of trying to do the work around students actually taking classes."

The same company that handled the mold remediation in the Oregon City campus buildings will tackle the problems at Harmony Center. Initial tests have revealed certain areas that will be focused on and the cost should be between \$200,000 and \$300,000.

"We have had no complaints this year so far about ongoing problems from any of our campus buildings on the Oregon City campus, and we have gone to some incredible lengths in our new buildings to head off any problems in them," said Erdman. "We have done tests on the building materials used and have done many of those tests, to insure that our construction materials will stand up to

the harsh Oregon weather. We are doing all of this upfront to help us eliminate the leaks that help lead to the buildup of mold."

Clackamas is also finalizing plans to purchase 22 percent of the land currently owned by the Oregon Institute of Technology (OIT), who shares space with CCC. The extra space being acquired by Clackamas is part of a plan for the future of the school.

"We have always looked at a number of options for the future of CCC, and this Harmony Road area has always had a high priority," said Erdman. "With the future expansion of Harmony Road in the works by Clackamas County, the growth potential of the region is enormous. It may take a number of years for all of this to pan out, but many people, including members of the state Board of Higher Education, have told us that this area will be the future of the college."

While the cleanup at Harmony Center continues over the summer, Clackamas will be looking at new ways to use the new space that it will soon acquire.

"We hope to be able to build some new partnerships with local business and some of the four-year schools in our area to help us decide the best course of action for what could be an exciting time for the college," said College President Joe Johnson. "We seriously doubt that anything substantial would happen in the next three to four years, but we hope to have some alliances in place that can help us expand the educational opportunities for our community."

"This area is expanding rapidly," Johnson added, "and with the county overseeing major road projects in the area and the talk of north-south light rail expansion to the Clackamas Town Center area, we hope to become part of that growth."

## Auto show rolls out 2004 models



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According to Lexus.com, the Lexus SC 430 (ABOVE) transforms from a coupe to a convertible in 25 seconds. With a top speed of 155 mph, the Chrysler Crossfire (LEFT) was called by Car Magazine "the first American sports coupe to seriously take aim at Porsche and Audi."

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A Jaguar XJR all in aluminum, a Dodge Ram pick-up with a Viper engine and a \$76,000 Caddy with standard heated and cooled seats were just a few of the new rides at the 2004 Portland Auto Show.

The show was held in Portland's Glass Castle, better known as the Convention Center, last weekend.

This year's show went above and beyond the usual with a "Ball of Steel," which showcased young motocross riders demonstrating their skills in an enclosed steel ball while onlookers oohed and aahed.

When the auto enthusiasts were picking up free brochures on their favorite cars, children played in the inflatable monster truck slide or with the remote racecar track.

For "Fast and The Furious" fans, Ground Zero held an exhibit featuring some tricked-out Hondas and one very loud sound system. For the vintage car lover,

there was a Street Rod room and for the gambler, the many drawings drew a crowd.

A few cars definitely stood out this year. There was the comeback of the Pontiac GTO; Lexus, with its passionate pursuit of perfection, came up with a sleek SC430; Kia thinks it's Mercedes with the new Amanti, and the newest low-rider was the Scion XB by Toyota.

"Does that thing have a Hemi?" asks the new Dodge commercial. If it's a Dodge Magnum SRT-8 or a Chrysler 300, the answer to that is a resounding, "Oh yeah."

More than cars were on display, though; a motorcycle exhibit revved up the back corner of the exhibition. Along with the two-wheelers, various sound system booths and accessories occupied the outer halls, as well as a live band.

So for those who couldn't think of that special car to ask for a college grad present or overwhelmed by the love of cars, the Portland Auto Show was the place to be. Of course, as the fine machines in the show room don't fit into every budget, there was a nice selection of dye-cast replicas for sale on the way out.



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The Harmony campus of CCC will be closed temporarily beginning spring term and reopen in the fall due to the mold in 10 classrooms.

## Small tuition increase but no major cuts after Measure 30 failure

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With the failure of Ballot Measure 30 last week, Clackamas Community College is still on the path it was on before the vote—not having as much money as they need, but not in the position to make cuts like has happened in the past.

"We did not budget any of the projected \$700,000-\$800,000 that we would have received if Measure 30 had passed, because frankly, we were pretty positive, based on polls that we had seen, that it was not going to pass," said College President Joe Johnson.

"We essentially have taken the same line with our budgets now that we have had in the past. If we are not sure we are going to get it then we just don't budget for it. That policy, by and large, has avoided some of the dire cuts that our fellow community

colleges around the state have had to deal with."

Johnson said that he will recommend to the Board of Education at its next meeting that he intends to ask for a \$3 tuition increase to take effect fall term 2004. This will bring tuition to \$54 per credit hour starting in the fall.

"I am going to recommend this during the March board meeting. Hopefully, we will have a better idea what the state intends to give us as far as funding is concerned for the next year," said Johnson. "With the defeat of Measure 30, we may not be sure until May 1, when the scheduled state budget cuts will take place."

Measure 30, which would have imposed a temporary three-year income tax surcharge and changed several other taxes, went down to a 59 percent to 41 percent defeat on Feb. 3. Only one county in Oregon, Benton County, passed the measure. Clackamas County voters defeated the measure by almost a 2-1 margin.

