

Students learn firefighting skills

Wildland firefighting classes teach future fire fighters

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Anyone interested in a career as a firefighter, or perhaps just a well-paying summer job, should look into wildland firefighting.

"FRP 130 is the introductory course. Any student can take that course who is interested in firefighting. There are no prerequisites," said Thomas Laugle, applied technology department chair.

Any student interested in learning this skill should know that the class is recognized not only by the state, but nationally as well.

The department that supports this class takes pride in the experience of their instructors.

"Joe Crawford, who coordinates our program, has over 30 years of [firefighting] experience," said Laugle. Crawford, a retired protection supervisor from the Clackamas District and Molalla, will be teaching FRP 130 in the spring.

Skills taught in this class include learning about a Type VI Brush Engine, laying hose, fire devices and digging a fire line, in addition to other basic skills. However, no matter how much one learns, the most important aspect is not engines or



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Students in the air operations class—FRP 270, offered spring term, get hands on training by flying this helicopter. In the class, students learn about aircraft used to fight fire.

hose laying.

"The biggest part of the FRP 130 class is safety, and I can't emphasize that enough," Laugle said. "Second to safety is fire behavior. Those are two big components."

Another class students might be interested in is basic air operations, FRP 270, the firefighting aircraft survey course which will be offered in the spring.

"In that class, they'll learn about the aircraft that is used to fight the fire, plus they

will fly in a helicopter that is used for hands on training," said Laugle.

This is not a weekly course like FRP 130, but a weekend seminar course taking place on Friday, April 30, from 6-10 p.m. and Saturday, May 1, from 9-5 p.m. The instructor for the FRP 270 Basic Air Operations is Neal Laugle (Thomas Laugle's son), Oregon Department of Forestry Protection Supervisor for the Astoria District.

"Neal handles all of our Air Operations courses, which includes training firefighters to become crew members," said Thomas Laugle. "Three classes that really might interest students [are] FRP 243, 244 and 245. These are one-credit classes, and we call them Survivor I,

Survivor II and Survivor III."

All are weekend courses. Survivor I is a navigational course that teaches how to use a map compass and the Global Positioning System, or GPS. Survivor II is wilderness survival, Survival III is Northwest Waters survival and navigational course. All of these classes are taught by Thomas Laugle.

"Students who love the outdoors and need a one-credit class [might be interested] in these courses," Thomas Laugle said.

For more information on any of these courses and their availability, check the spring 2004 course catalogue or contact Thomas Laugle at ext. 2319.

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Applied Technology
Department Chair

ASG plans to celebrate Earth Day with barbecue burgers and free trees

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NEWS EDITOR

Earth Day is a day to celebrate and care for the planet and ASG is planning many events for March 17 to recognize the holiday here on campus.

As part of the celebration, 160 trees will be given out.

"The trees will be for everyone," said ASG Communication Relations Officer Heather Sundstrom.

There will also be a barbecue held on campus.

"It will be a little different than past barbecues," said Sundstrom. "We're trying to focus on the barbecue being healthier—we're going to be using organic vegetables."

Life Science Instructor Bob Misely is planning a cleanup of the native garden located near the Pauling buildings on campus. Plants and shrubs to be planted during the cleanup will all be native to the area.

"That's what the native garden is all about," said Sundstrom. "All of the plants used in it are native to Oregon."

Students can sign up to help clean and plant plants in the garden as part of the Earth Day celebration.

The day will also include musical entertainment from "environmental" band, ENUF, who practice and perform using recycled instruments. The band will perform at 10:30 a.m. in the Community Center or outside if weather permits.

"They bring other recycled instruments for the audience members too," said Sundstrom.

Along with fun activities, members of ASG want everyone to remember what Earth Day is about.

"We ask people to think globally and act globally. We want them to recognize this day," said Sundstrom.

Students wishing to help in the native garden cleanup must contact Sundstrom as soon as possible at ext. 2247.



INTERNET PHOTO

campus SAFETY logs

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

3-01-04
10:40 a.m.
Staff reported finding a controlled substance in a class room.

3-01-04
4:56 p.m.
Took information on five stolen laptop computers.

3-03-04
5:50 p.m.
Flagged down by a motorist about two suspicious male juveniles on S. Douglas Loop road.

3-03-34
6:00 p.m.
Located above mentioned juveniles and observed them for awhile.

3-03-34
6:54 p.m.
Received a call from an officer about two white male adults that appeared to be vagrants.

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2:00 pm to 4:00 pm
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CLACKAMAS - 97015

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