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V.P. candidate visits campus

John Edwards, running mate of Presidential candidate John Kerry, speaks on current issues

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Senator John Edwards, Democratic candidate for Vice President, spoke at CCC Sept. 14 in a town-hall style forum in the Randall Hall gymnasium. The event was a planned stop by the candidate, intending to focus on and draw attention to the issue of health care reform, and to tout the plan set forth by the Senator and his running-mate, Senator John Kerry.



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Also attending the forum were such notables as the Clackamas County Commissioner Martha Schrader and Democratic leader of the Oregon House of Representatives, Jeff Merkley, who warmed up the crowd with anti-Bush rhetoric.

"Can you tell me in two words what's wrong with this country?" Merkley said. "George Bush!" shouted back an enthused audience.

"After four years of Republican partisan leadership, who has put us on the wrong track?" Merkley said.

"George Bush!" jeered the audience again.

Edwards took the stage, and immediately began focusing on health care and the economy, although other topics were discussed later on in the forum.

"Since [George W. Bush] has been President, five million people have lost health care, and four million have fallen into poverty," Edwards said. "Under this Administration, the middle class is the forgotten class," he added. "Middle class families are already being squeezed by the Bush economy, and on top of everything else, health care costs are spiraling out of control. While John Kerry is in the White House, quality, affordable and reliable health care will be a right for every American."

He went on to outline the plan set forth by Kerry and himself, to expand health care to 27 million more citizens,

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Soccer dribbles past NWAACC competition

The Clackamas soccer team has taken the NWAACC by storm this season. The lady footballers are currently No. 1 in the NWAACC Southwestern division with a record of 10 wins zero loses and one tie. In only their third year of competition, Head Coach Tracey Nelson has molded the Cougars into a winning machine. The Cougars have scored 40 goals while holding their opponents to only one.

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KRISTEN WAIR CONTRIBUTED

New school zone laws confuse, but help

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School zones have been redefined in Senate Bill 179, which affects the general driving habits of the community, as well as students here at Clackamas.

The bill divides "school zones" into three categories: roads adjacent to school grounds with speed limits of 30 mph or less, roads adjacent to school grounds with speed limits of 35 mph or more, and crosswalks not adjacent to schools.

Each category has its own criteria for slowing traffic to 20 mph, which has caused some confusion among motorists.

In actuality, the school zone signs that state "at all times" may only exist in speed zones of 30 mph or less, while the "when children are present" designa-

tion will only be seen at crosswalks not directly next to school grounds.

Campus Safety officer Peter Kandratieff believes the new laws will help a lot with speeding in school zones.

The fact that campus speeds are 20 mph is related to the fact that it's a school, said Officer Kandratieff.

"We've had an increase in student population here with a lot of people from the public coming on campus too,"

says Kandratieff, "using the trails, and walking their dogs ..." The lowering of speed limits on cam-

pus a year and a half ago is "one of those things that's really been needed for some time. We've had a

problem with speeders [on campus]."

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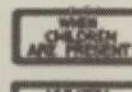
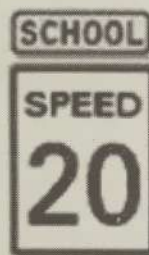
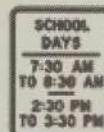
30 MPH or less
Adjacent to school grounds



OR



35 MPH or greater
Adjacent to school grounds



Crosswalk
Non-adjacent to school grounds

