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Robberies plague campus

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Campus-wide theft has prompted college staff to take security action in order to preserve electronic equipment and peace of mind.

On Tuesday, Nov. 30 at approximately 3:45 p.m., a laptop computer was taken from the newly completed Niemeyer Center. Although the perpe-

trators were ultimately apprehended and the laptop returned to its rightful owner, administrators were forced to examine the security of the campus.

According to Criminal Justice Department Chair Dick Ashbaugh, two men walked into the Niemeyer Center and took the laptop of an electrical contractor from the room he was working in.

Upon his return, the contractor

saw the two men exiting the room where he had left his laptop; they did not make eye contact. When he checked the room and noticed his laptop missing, he confronted the two men. The taller of the two took a swing at the contractor prompting a concerned citizen to call public safety.

Eye witness John Mituniewicz claims Campus Security was on

the scene in approximately thirty seconds. Campus Security called Oregon City Police for backup and the perpetrators were apprehended and subsequently arrested.

"It just shows that someone can walk out with something," said Mituniewicz. "It makes me want to look after my stuff a little better."

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Giving Tree lights up the season for those in need

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Hundreds of children in the Oregon City area may not receive gifts this season. Thanks to the ASG, nearly 150 of them will have a more cheerful holiday.

The anticipated Giving Tree, located in the Community Center, is headed by Childcare Senator Skye Johnson and Childcare Officer Melissa McPartland. For the last decade it has provided the only gifts to be received by some unfortunate children in the area.

Donating is easy—the Giving Tree is covered in cards listing the sex and age of needy children, many of them siblings, who need a little extra joy this season. After choosing the ornament, it is taken to the ASG office where an officer pulls out a card with gift ideas for that particular child. To date, the ornaments of 144 children are donning the Giving Tree, many of them siblings from under-privileged families.

Gifts range from clothes to Playstations™, and the amount spent is determined by the ability of the giver. Many of the cards also request food, a necessity that many take for granted.

All donations are to be taken to the ASG office by Dec. 2. They have requested that toys and clothes are left unwrapped with original tags still attached.

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The Giving Tree is located outside the counseling center in the Community Center. For more information, contact ASG at ext. 5345.

Ball honors LeRoy Anderson

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Clackamas Community College hosted the Big Band Ball to honor the life and music of former Music Department Chair, the late LeRoy Anderson.

The ball was held on Nov. 20 in the new Niemeyer Center for Communication Arts. Guests included current and former faculty, staff members, friends and family of LeRoy Anderson.

A large hall in the Niemeyer building was transformed into an elegant dining area and the sounds of the Brad Wager Trio, a student band, flowed from an upper balcony. Guests were offered hors d'oeuvres, refreshments and an opportunity to view memorabilia from Anderson's life in the LeRoy Anderson Room.

LeRoy Anderson taught music and led the Music Department at Clackamas from 1968 to 1991.

He was also a professional musician and

played with well-known bands of his era — Glenn Miller, Charlie Spivak and Tex Beneke.

A ball presentation was given in the new theatre in tribute to Anderson. Current faculty members and friends of Anderson were featured in the presentation and spoke of his love for music and for his students.

"He may not be here at this place in body, but I can guarantee you the spirit of LeRoy is alive and well in this place and at this time," said choir director, Lonnie Cline.

Ron Jones, former student and composer for "Star Trek: the Next Generation" was present and also featured in the production.

"May this new building and educational facility be a clear reminder to us to be like LeRoy, and work towards building people through learning and by example," said Jones.

The evening also celebrated the unofficial opening of the Niemeyer Building, part of Anderson's vision for the music department.

"This (building) is what he wanted to have happen, and strove to make happen. My husband would be truly awed by this, as I am," said Marlene Anderson of her late husband.

Key financial contributors to the music department, John and Ginger Niemeyer attended the ball and were pleased to see the finished product of the new building.

"The facility is so far beyond anything we had thought it would be; it's absolutely beautiful," said Mrs. Niemeyer.

Several music students volunteered at the ball as waiters and were given their own impression of the new facility and Anderson's part in making the music department what it is today.

"Without LeRoy we would not have this new building. This is really, really exciting, we are going to have so many opportunities," said music student Naomi Hunt.

After finishing off a dessert of Tiramisu, guests spent the rest of the night visiting and dancing to the LeRoy Anderson Big Band's rousing jazz.

Several Big Band members shared memories of Anderson in between jazz pieces including Laird Halling and Jack Quinby.

Norman Leyden, friend of Anderson and Laureate Associate Conductor for the Oregon Symphony, made a special appearance.

Director of Development Karen Martini summed up the night.

"This was a spectacular kickoff to a great building," she said. "This is the last of the major construction projects and it is nice that it ended on such a high note."

Northern exposure: true Santa laid bare

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Whether one calls him Santa Claus, Kris Kringle, or Father Frost, there is more to the real Saint Nicholas than many have realized ... until now.

First off, some basic information. The "jolly old elf" was born in Patara, Lyria (in what is now Demre, Turkey), sometime between 260 - 280, but accounts vary (conspiracy? Perhaps). His parents were Theophanes and Nona or Epiphanes and Johane (perhaps the different names mean they were part of an ancient witness protection program?).

Saint Nick died on Dec. 6, between 330 - 346. That's right, you heard it here first: Santa Claus is not only dead, he's been dead for centuries. This certainly lends credence to certain conspiracy theories that claim department store Santas are imposters working for "the man."

Santa was a special child, however. According to some accounts of his life, even as an infant he observed the Catholic fasts of

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Dan Donahue tickles the ivories in tribute to LeRoy Anderson.