

College celebrates 'Dream' come true this month

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Clackamas is celebrating the grand opening of the new Niemeyer Center for Communication Arts with a special event entitled 'A Midwinter Night's Dream Come True.'

The celebration and benefit is a production of the Clackamas Community College Foundation and will be held Feb. 19.

The event will feature professional local performers as well as student musicians.

"It will be an evening of surprises; there will be lots of things that won't be released to the public," said Carrie Moore of the CCC Foundation.

The Clackamas theater department will perform a vignette of the upcoming production "Twelfth Night," and award-winning auctioneer JillMarie Wiles will showcase her skills in an oral auction.

The night will showcase the first ever art show in the Alexander Art Gallery featuring the works of 13 faculty artists.

For foundation members the night will be a special finale to all their hard work together for the arts.

"The campaign has been my most fabulous, cherished experience at Clackamas," said the foundation's Executive Director David Dickson. "The night will be a culmination of two years of intensely focused energy to support the arts at Clackamas."

Tickets to "A Midwinter Night's Dream" are \$50. For reservations contact the CCC Foundation at (503) 657-6958, ext. 2402.

METH: Clackamas student tells story



Internet Photo

A West Virginian hazardous materials team cleans up chemicals from a dismantled meth lab.

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or a heroin addict will steal from you, but a tweaker, he'll steal from you then help you look for it," David says, reminiscing on the state of mind of the users he experienced.

Unable to hold a job, and not wanting to steal for it, he began to spend time with those who were making his drug of choice, until he finally found out how to make it himself.

This ended when David finally got caught in 1988, and served a three-year term in prison. After getting out, he stopped making, but did continue using until three years ago, when he joined a 12-step program, and has been clean and sober ever since. Although to this day he suffers from the effects, including the loss of his teeth and sores, the remnants of his intravenous use.

"I don't have to do that again; I can make something out of my life," he says. "I like the fact that I got a 4.0 last term. I like the fact that I've taken writing 121 and am

doing pretty good. I like the fact that in my math class I got straight As last time, and I think I aced the test this time. At my age, realizing that you still have a brain and can learn ... I just think it'd be a slap in the face [to] put me on a freaking list."

Despite this, the backers of the bill maintain that the only drawback to this bill will be the cost — the Oregon State Police says \$14 million is spent each year to track 6,000 sex offenders. No estimates are yet to be made on the cost of the meth cook registration list.

Even David, however, sees a benefit to the bill, despite the negative effects it would have on his life.

"As a whole, I think it might be a good thing, for people who are currently [using] and have re-offended over and over again ... but how can you draw that line?" he says. "Maybe if there was harder consequences in the '80s, I wouldn't have gotten so deep into it — but then again, I might have. Who knows? You can't second guess yourself."

"The old saying is, a drunk or a heroin addict will steal from you, but a tweaker, he'll steal from you then help you look for it."

"David"

46-year-old Clackamas student and former meth producer and user.

campus SAFE logs

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

1-27-05

10:24 p.m.

Off-duty cadet reported intoxicated white male adult at bus turnaround panhandling for change and drinking a beer.

1-26-05

10:39 a.m.

Staff reported white juvenile being disruptive in class at Harmony Center. Student fled after incident.

2:39 p.m.

Staff reported white male adult under influence of intoxicants carrying a bag through mall area.

3:19 p.m.

Staff reported theft of computer from Barber building.

1-25-05

7:45 p.m.

Library staff reported found credit card. The owner and referred to library to claim.

Writing Workshops

The English department offers a free writing workshop for students to get feedback from instructors.

Monday: noon-3:30 p.m. Rook's second floor lounge by stairs.

Tuesday: 10-11 a.m. in lounge (by Admin. office) 10:30-11:30 a.m., 2-3 p.m. 5-6 p.m. (Rook)

Big Box o' Briefs

Campus news: 75% leaner, 25% meaner, and 100% unprofessional

Got Politik?

Feel like working your bum off only to have people think you're a lazy, lying scoundrel? Then politics could be for you. Stop by the ASG office in CC152 to pick up your application for student government today.



Wanna Be Published?

Attention poets, writers, and otherwise crazy artsy people (not that there's anything wrong with that!), your work could be published in the literary magazine, *synesthesia*. You can submit up to 3 poems, 1 essay, and 1 piece of fiction. Submit 4 copies of each set of entries. On each entry include the title and your student ID number. The cover page for each entry should include the title, category, your name, ID number, address, and phone number. Include floppy disk with your work on it. Submit your entries to Allen Widerburg, RR 222, ext. 2359.



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