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College offers new financial aid for part-time students

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Clackamas offers a variety of financial aid options for part-time students. Clackamas considers "part-time" students to be those who are taking six to 11 credit hours worth of courses per term. Federal financial aid is the option available for part-time students. For example there

is the Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant, which is provided by the Department of Education. If a student is eligible for Pell grants, he or she is often eligible for other forms of federal financial aid, even if taking less than six credit hours' worth of classes.

In addition to federal aid, there are also several scholarship programs here at Clackamas that are open to part-time students as well

as full-time students.

Other options offered here at Clackamas include "talent waivers" and internships. Both are available through the individual departments that offer them.

Talent waivers are funds that are offered for specific work within the departments. They are awarded on a term-by-term basis. Although they are renewable, they may not be available for all terms.

Internships are similar to talent waivers. They involve special work within a specific department. Although most have already been awarded for this term, they may become available in future terms.

Another option is the College Work Study program. The purpose of this program is to award students money for work they do within a certain field.

It is not too late to file for federal financial aid. The first

step toward applying is to fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, which can be found online at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>, or at the Financial Aid office in Roger Rook hall.

To apply for talent waivers or internships, students should contact the department chair of the department they wish to apply for. For more information on any of these programs, call the Financial Aid office at ext. 2745.

College theater group reaches out to community

Clackamas Repertory Theatre unites Clackamas alumni, professional actors, in effort for all to enjoy

Patie Wilson
Editor

An effort to "serve the community," members of the Clackamas Repertory Theatre department this summer: the Clackamas Repertory Theatre.

Made up of 12 actors — former Clackamas theater department graduates and professional actors — the Clackamas Repertory Theatre plans to reach out to the community in various

ways this summer, members of the Clackamas Repertory Theatre organized a series of children's acting camps. They are already planning next year's camps. They also worked with their first play, "Moon Over Buffalo," at the Niemeyer Center. They premiered with Ken Ludwig's "Moon Over Buffalo."

Currently they are preparing an adaptation by David Mamet of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" for the Christmas season, which will be directed by Karlyn Love.

The CRT, besides employing professional actors and student directors, also works on training for students, giving them the opportunity to intern and get experience working at a professional level.

Through the years I have been really fortunate to have a number of very talented and very serious students come through the [theater] program," said Clackamas Theatre Director David Smith-English about the origins of the Clackamas Repertory Theatre.

Those students have gone on to complete their education... and then in many cases have returned to the college. I have thought from time to time, "Wouldn't it be great to start a professional theater and use people who have gone through the program as the foundation for the theater?" They're that



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Clackamas Repertory Theatre members Amanda Jensen (former Clackamas artist-in-residence) and Jeff Miller (former drama instructor for Portland Public Schools) in the midst of a scene from their summer production, "Moon Over Buffalo" by Ken Ludwig.

good."

"I thought 'Let's give them an opportunity and a place to work and use as kind of a home base where they can continue to develop,'" he added. "Then also we can serve the community and the college and our program in a very positive, very real way."

The Repertory Theatre is

separate from the college in terms of its funding, but is coordinated through the college and makes use of the new theater facilities in the Niemeyer Center.

"The idea of having this professional theater operating in the southeast metropolitan area and all the community that we serve was a great idea," said Smith-English.

"We did our premier performance... and a lot of people came who had never been to the campus before. Pretty exciting."

For more information about the Clackamas Repertory Theatre or their upcoming production, contact Cynthia Smith-English at ext. 2761, or at cynthias@clackamas.edu.

Randall remodeled, athletes given new space

Frank Jordan

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With the remodel of Randall Hall now complete, Clackamas athletes, students, staff and the general public will notice some drastic new changes in the college's primary athletic facility.

"We are immensely pleased with the upgrade to our facilities in Randall Hall," said Clackamas Athletic Director Jim Jackson. "All of the coaches are very happy with the results and we hope that the athletes and student body will be as well."

Among the most noticeable changes is the weight room, which tripled in size. More weight-training equipment has been ordered and is on the way, along with new free weight platforms. But the biggest change in the weight room will be the fact that the space is more wheelchair-accessible than it was before, and with the addition of some new equipment disabled students will have access to more equipment specifically designed for them to use.

"In the past, the weight room was a major deterrent for the disabled, but now every inch of the room is wheelchair-accessible and we are so pleased with that fact," said Jackson. "We have added some new equipment, including an upper-body ergometer and a lightweight pulley system that the disabled and the able-bodied can use. And more equipment is on the way."

The Randall remodel also opened up the top floor of the building for use by dance classes and more classroom space for athletic and health classes. The music department moved from Randall to the Niemeyer Center last spring, which opened up the space for the athletic department.

"This was the end piece of the (construction) bond and we have gotten a real good deal out of it. We have had times in the past where we planned things, but those plans never got off the ground. This time, those plans became a reality and we are very pleased," said Jackson.

The other athletic facilities at the college are in very good shape at the present time. The athletic department is looking for a way to improve the sound system in the gymnasium and the track is badly in need of an upgrade. The track was last resurfaced about 15 years ago and the tremendous college and community use of the track is starting to take its toll. Plans are in the works for both of these short-term projects, but money has to be found to pay for it.