

REVIEW: Programs stand up to evaluation

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for adult basic skills and head of the peer review committee.

The evaluation involved two separate departments: the ESL Department and the Skills Development Department, which includes the ABE/GED/AHSD Program, the Targeted Learning Center, the Tri-City Alternatives Program at Harmony, the Workforce Development Program, and the Young Parent Opportunity Program.

"Our programs are not terminal programs any longer. People don't come to our programs just to get a GED and then they're done. People come to our programs to learn English to communicate with their children's schools ... to gain skills for employment placement ... to get better than minimum wage jobs."

"We knew [beforehand] where our points of weakness [were]," said Marks, "it would have been a surprise if they had said 'you guys totally missed something.'"

The Peer Review Committee, which consisted of state staff members and faculty members from Lane Community College, Linn-Benton Community College, and Portland Community

College, spent a week evaluating Clackamas faculty on their performance.

"We do view this as [a] program monitoring and technical assistance visit," said Kulongoski. "At the state we're interested in how we can help support programs and [their] further development."

The departments involved are happy with the success of the review and are already making plans for their improvements.

"We will be looking to our department meeting to make plans for [the future]," said Marks, who expects a long-term execution of the improvement plans in the works. "We don't expect to fix everything in one year."

Kulongoski says the evaluation was successful and, despite their professional purpose on campus, the committee enjoyed their stay at Clackamas.

"It's a wonderful community here," she said. "It's very collaborative. Everybody has a student at heart here. The student is the focal point and that was evident in the classroom, in all our administration meetings and in all the departments. It's really been an enjoyable week."

Cheap repairs for a

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For only the cost of parts plus a 20 percent miscellaneous fee, Clackamas students in the power transmissions class will do repair work on transaxles, clutches and manual transmissions.

While the offer isn't only for students, applications for repairs must be picked up from Pam Brown in the automotive department's main office. The applications ask only for contact information, a brief problem description, and basic information about your vehicle, such as its year, make, model, transmission type, and engine size, which is used for determining parts.

All applications will be taken into consideration by the college's full-time automotive instructors Nick Miller, Jay Leuck, and Rick Lockwood. Selected vehicles will be brought in for a cost estimate, which will include the approximate cost of parts and materials. The instructors prefer that the vehicle is 10 years old or newer and will choose the vehicles based upon fulfillment of project requirements.

On a similar note, the general repair class is taking tune ups and brake jobs, though



Matt Olsen Clackamas

Student Nick Fox is just one of many automotive students gaining experience by working on customers' cars.

since the class only runs on Fridays, customers run the risk of having their car in the shop for a week if it does not get finished on the first day.

Brown encourages students as well as the general public to give the program a shot. "At a shop you'll pay the cost of parts, plus \$60 to \$70 an hour, so you save a considerable amount of money by not having to pay labor."

The automotive program, which has seen an incredible, class-filling turnout this year,

offers different services during different terms. In the winter term they do specials on brake jobs during the spring term work on chassis systems, comfort systems, such as heating and cooling. Classes on body and paint programs have a varying schedule throughout the school year.

Those interested in the program should contact Pam Brown at 503-657-6958, ext. 2354 with questions or to set up an appointment with an instructor.

CCC hosts the Back-to-School Night!



What? A free event celebrating the opening of the Niemeyer building to the community.

When? TODAY from 4 - 7 p.m.

Where? At Clackamas Community College in the Niemeyer Center for the Performing Arts.

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED ...
EVERYONE IS INVITED!!!

CAMPUS EVENTS & NEWS

The Spanish Club will be meeting today. Guest speaker **David Campbell** will be talking about his involvement in the Peace Corps, and his experiences in Venezuela. This event is open to anyone who wants to come and will be held in Spanish and English. The club will meet from 12:15 - 1 p.m. in Barlow 203.

Later today is the **Back-to-School Night** at the Niemeyer Center from 4 - 7 p.m. The event is free and everyone is invited. There will be opportunities to see the theater and music departments at work. Refreshments will be provided. For more information contact Janet Paulson at 503-657-6958 ext. 2307.

For those in Phi Theta Kappa the **induction ceremony** is tomorrow at 6:30 p.m. Cake and guest speakers will be there as well.

ASG needs clothes for the **Clothes Closet** they're setting up. They are collecting job-interview-type clothes which will go to the Work Experience Program. The clothes will be used by unemployed students to wear to job interviews and the first two days of work. The Clothing Drive runs from now until Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information contact Hillary Fletcher, senator for the clothes closet, at 503-657-6958, ext. 5345.

For all you people who've put it off till now and will regret it later: **Saturday is the last day to drop a class** without responsibility for a grade.

The theater department's fall production "**All My Sons**" begins Nov. 10. See page 5 for a preview of the play.

Need money? There are these things called **scholarships** that occasionally provide money. The college has scholarships. The funds will be available for winter term 2006. Applications are available in the Roger Rook Lobby or online at <http://depts.clackamas.edu/fs/scholarship.asp>. Questions can be directed to Chippi Bello, 503-657-6958, ext. 2373.

Also, the college will be closed next Friday, Nov. 12 from 8 a.m. until 10 p.m. for Veterans day.

campus SAFETY

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

10-27-05 4:55 p.m.
Contacted white male juvenile skateboarding in front of Dye Learning Center. Verbal warning to stop.

5:30 p.m.
Collected suspicious item from Roger Rook. Turned in by instructor.

6:45 p.m.
Offered assistance to student needing jump start. Offer refused.

10-26-05 9:20 a.m.
Staff reported white male juvenile skateboarding at Dye Learning Center. Located owner of board.

7:35 p.m.
Found unattended book bag in library. Located owner.

10-25-05 12:45 p.m.
Student reported two white males on his vehicle in Barlow lot.

2:12 p.m.
Reported two white females vandalizing trash lid.

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