

Program with teeth

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The U.S. Department of Labor's bureau of statistics expects dental assisting to be one of the fastest growing occupations over the 2004 - 2014 projection period.

Clackamas' first Dental Assisting Program begins its second three-term cohort this term. The college will be teaming up with Oregon City's ComfortCare Dental to train students through lectures and hands-on experience.

This came as no surprise to Maria Corona, the head advisor for the Dental Assistant Program. Corona and her fellow instructor, Mary Beard, felt that due to the need for dental professionals there needed to be more junior college level programs to accommodate.

Corona suggests that part of the appeal of dental assisting is the short amount of time it takes to train and the great opportunities for advancement.

"It is a great alterna-

tive to low-waged jobs like McDonald's," commented Corona.

Until recently, most dental assistants were trained informally in the dental office where they were employed.

"The dental assistants were getting practical experience, however, for example, they were not receiving important infection control and chemical hazard instruction," explains Corona.

The program provides an even mix of classroom lecturing and on-the-job experience. After the sixth week of the first term, the students begin their clinical practicum at the dental office of their choice. They begin by going once a week and gradually end up going three times a week by the third term.

The difference between Clackamas' program and other dental assisting programs is the fact that the students are learning in the traditional classroom and in the clinic at the same time. Before, most training involved learning the textbook scenarios and then finally learning through practical application.

"It is good for the students to see right away what they are learning in class. It helps them get to know the office much quicker," comments Corona, defending the decision to introduce the clinical practicum into the first term.

There are many more unique aspects to Clackamas' program. For example, students are required to do 10 hours of community service each term. This emphasizes the amount of importance the program sets on community concern.

"It allows them to become familiar with health issues in the community and to be aware about people that don't have dental insurance," explains Corona.

The program will end in the Summer Term and the next will start in the fall and end in the Spring Term.

Anyone interested in the dental assistant program can download the application at <http://depts.clackamas.edu/healthsciences/da.asp> which lists the requirements and course outline. Students can also contact Maria Corona at 503-657-6958, ext. 2321.

Like falling snow, but no

Around the time Andy Mingo's WR122 class was being let out, everyone heard a noise outside. That noise was part of the Barlow canopy outside 241b falling 20 feet to the ground.

"It's a freak situation," said Bill Leach, associate dean of Campus Services. "This usually doesn't happen."

After the incident, the building's roof was inspected by Campus Services.

"Pine needles plugged the drains, puddles formed and the water found its way through tiny cracks in the roof," Leach told *The Print*.

While checking the damage, Leach found the insulation was water logged. The section of roof that fell was already sched-

uled to be repaired once the

stopped. Campus roofs, including the damaged section outside Barlow, are checked regularly and drain pipes are cleared with pine needles weekly to avoid water damage. Barlow Hall's roof has been checked and will be rechecked later this week.

According to Leach, the damage was about \$300-\$400 in damage.

David Fauver was in the 241b when part of the roof

"It looked like snow falling," he said. "It was kind of cool because it all just came once."

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CAMPUS EVENTS & NEWS

"Iron & Steel", the new art exhibit in the Alexander Gallery in the Niemeyer Center, is having an opening reception tomorrow from 3:30 - 6:30. The exhibit features the works of eight regional metal sculptors. The reception is free.

Artist David Thompson will give a demonstration of welding and forging techniques on Wednesday, Jan. 25, from 1 - 3 p.m., and on Jan. 26 from 9 - 11 a.m. Both demonstrations will be held in the Studio Art Center.

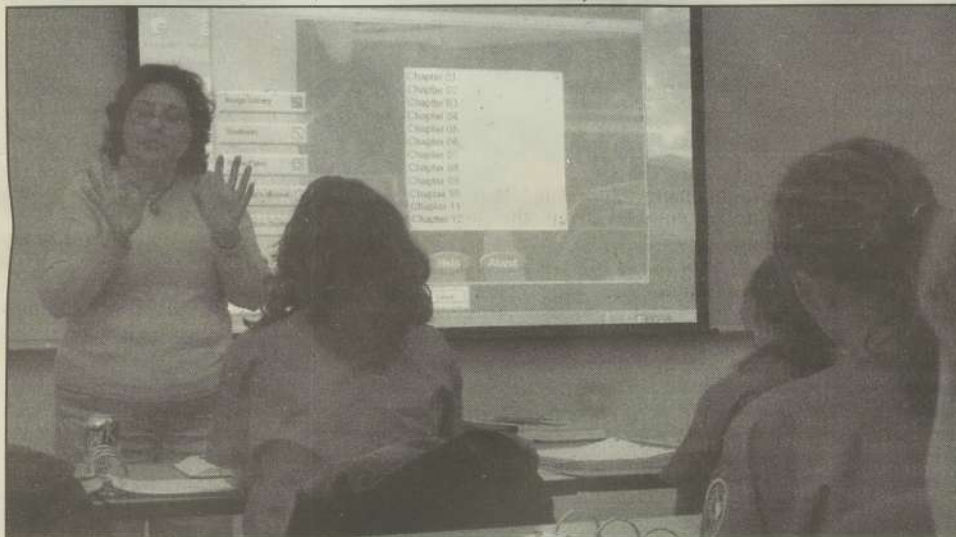
CCC Scholarship Workshops. You only need to attend one! This workshop will cover the CCC scholarship application procedure. Tuesday from 11:30 - 1:00 p.m., Roger Rook, Room 117. February 7, 14, 21, 28, and March 7, 2006

Attention Procrastinators: The absolute last day to drop classes without responsibility for a grade is February 18 (end of the sixth week).

Hey Kids! The bookstore is offering a 5% discount off all NEW textbooks at the CCC bookstore. Give your wallets a break and stop on in!

The Classified Association is collecting food to benefit the Oregon Food Bank. Collection Barrels will be placed around campus until March 7. In the spirit of a brand new year, please donate to those who are less fortunate.

ASG is holding a Date Auction on Wednesday, February 8 from 11 - 2 p.m. The dates will take place in the Community Center. A basket of food will be provided. All proceeds go to book grants. For more information contact the ASG office at 503-657-6958, ext. 2245.



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Instructor Maria Corona teaches a class of future dental assistants. One of the goals of the college's new Dental Assisting Program is to provide students with a blend of in-class instruction and hands-on experience. Students divide their time between the classroom and the clinic.

FREE!

Students receive a free drink with their meal with a valid college ID card!

M - F 10:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Saturday 11:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

19061 Beaver Creek Rd.
Oregon City, OR 97045
(In the Berry Hill Shopping Center near the college)

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campus SAFETY

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

1-17-06
5:46 p.m.
Contacted student with knife in Barlow "U" area. Advised him not to bring knife to campus again.

1-18-06
8:35 a.m.
Staff reported reckless driver on 213 and on campus this morning.

11:35 a.m.
Report of abandoned bike along trail to Oregon City High School.

12:05 p.m.
Locate and retrieve bike along fence line.

1:28 p.m.
Base reported parent unable to locate adult child/student.

10:50 p.m.
Custodial staff reported found bag of contraband. I disposed of it.

1-19-06
11:58 a.m.
Student reported hostile talk between unknown males in Clairmont building UTL.

1-21-06
1:10 p.m.
False alarm in DeJardin. Smoke alarm in stair well 1. No sign of smoke/fire. Alarm reset.

1:55 p.m.
DeJardin smoke alarm again. False alarm. Engineer en route.

1-22-06
11:48 p.m.
Speeders. Two cars in D-loop to Clairmont. Officer stopped van and made contact with driver. Driver excited. Told officer they knew they were speeding. Reason: child home alone. Warning given.