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Errant geese disregard street signs during a recent flooding at Clackamette Park. Several weeks of continuous rain has saturated the grounds and led many rivers and streams to overflow, causing dilemmas for both commercial and personal activity. The college is not affected by large-scale flooding like other locations, but small-scale problems are still beginning to manifest.

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## College deals with flooding dilemmas

**Katie Wilson**  
News Editor

This month's vast amount of rain is making life difficult for some people.

The Oregon City News recently reported a slow moving landslide at the Newell Creek Village apartment complex on Beaver Creek Road in Oregon City. Down by the Willamette River the Clackamette Park is underwater every other day and the river itself is swollen and brown.

With another onslaught of rain predicted for this week, the college has to work out its own flooding problems.

"We've had some on and off flooding at the nursing area in Clairmont," said Kirk Pearson, director of plant operations. "The water runs down the old Willamette Railroad

grade and forms two little creek ways."

According to Pearson the flooding hasn't held up the programs at all. They've come up with solutions to the problem.

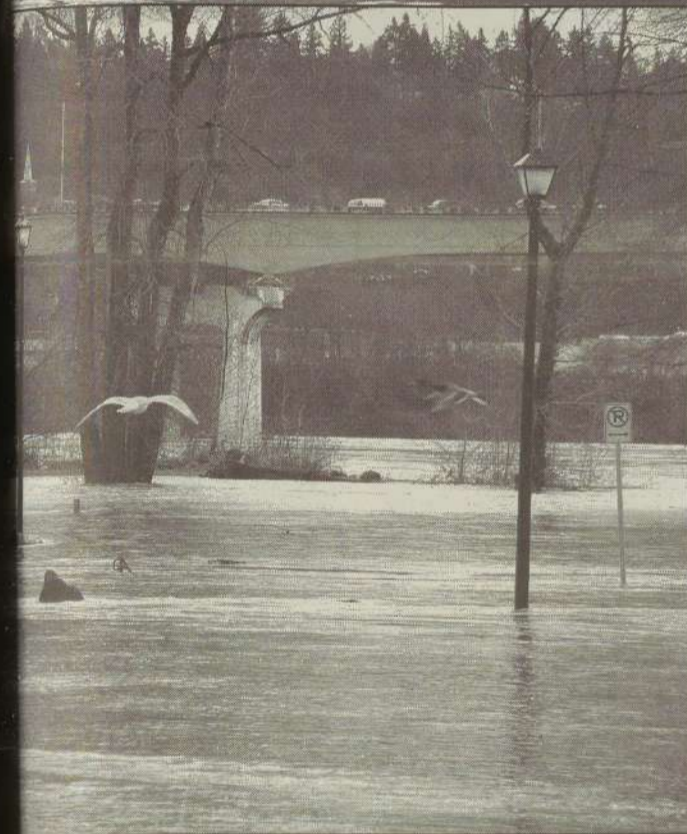
"Pray for the rain to stop," said Pearson. "No ... we just try to provide some relief way for the water. We dug a couple ditches to direct the water into the drain."

Since the college is on a hill, there hasn't been any large scale flooding. There have been a few annoyances however.

A few weeks ago, a segment of the Barlow canopy outside room 241b fell in.

"That was due to the rain," said Pearson. A large puddle on one side of the road between the soccer field and the Roger Rook parking lot makes driving interesting.

"It hasn't got good drainage," said Pearson. "That's almost routine in a large storm event. We've also had a few more roof leaks."



## 'Food for Fines' program benefits all

"Food for Fines" has been set up by the Clackamas Community College Library in conjunction with the Oregon Food Bank and the Classified Association. For every can of food brought in to the library at the Learning Center, one dollar will be taken from any overdue fines. I suppose you could have \$100 in fines and bring in 100 cans," said Library Department Chair Terry Mackey. Food that contains a lot of protein is preferred. That includes canned meats, peanut butter and beans. Do not bring perishables, rusty or unlabeled cans, homemade canned products, soda, used items or alcohol. Ramen will not be accepted. Lost or stolen items cannot be paid for with canned food. There is no limit to the amount of cans that can be used to take care of fines. The "Food for Fines" canned food drive will continue through Mar. 7.

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## Phi Theta Kappa, ITS raises funds for new equipment for library

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The library, Phi Theta Kappa and Information Technology Services have pulled together to raise funds for the purchase of new optical mice for the library.

PTK member Jeri Fuller came up with the idea for the fundraiser.

"I thought the mice in the library needed replacing," Fuller said. "I asked President [Jen Richards] if PTK could do a project like that and she said yes."

Being a student that also works, Fuller finds time between classes to do her homework.

"I had no other connection to the library other than being a student who used their computers," Fuller added.

Fuller knew how to use the computers in the library, but she didn't know how to get the ball rolling on her fundraising plan.

"After talking to Jen Richards, I also talked to our advisor, Mindy Brown, who directed me to Terry Mackey [Library Department chair]," Fuller said.

On Thursday Jan. 26 the PTK president, Secretary Adam Gardner, and former President Becky Trieschman went to ITS with a proposal.

"They talked to them about matching our funds and they agreed!!!" said an excited Fuller.

Because of these efforts made by different campus departments, a student-run club and students of the college, by that Thursday the fundraiser had collected all but \$26 needed to purchase brand new mice.

On Monday morning PTK put out their weekly newsletter to club members. The letter stated that by Friday the fundraiser had produced \$271. Included was a thanks to Dean/CIO Joe Austin of ITS for matching funds raised. ITS's contribution was \$135.

PTK will be putting up donation cards in the library to thank students that supported the fundraiser.

The new mice were purchased by PTK from CompUSA in Tigard.