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Campus crime causes security step-up

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In the last few weeks Barlow has been the place to break into on campus.

"I'm not sure why Barlow is a target," said Bill Leach, head of campus safety. "We have some suspicions ... but nothing we can prove."

According to Campus Safety Officer Andre Kandratieff, some keys were stolen from a staff desk.

Later, two thefts occurred: a wallet was stolen from a staff office as well as a portable LCD projector from a different staff office.

"The [thefts] might be related to the theft of the keys," said Kandratieff, but he also says they're not sure yet. "The thefts are still under investigation."

According to Leach, in light of the

recent break-ins, they are thinking of re-keying the entire building.

"And we have some other plans," Leach said.

"We've stepped up patrols," said Kandratieff. "We're trying to stop thefts from recurring before the building is re-keyed." He also says that the college is exploring new ideas for campus safety including video surveillance.

And it's not just the buildings that are being broken into. According to the campus safety logs, several cars have had items stolen from them.

But as Leach points out, "It's not just Barlow. We have issues in all our parking lots. The number of incidents isn't really more frequent than any other term."

"The presence of cadets on campus and their greater visibility in parking lots has helped, I think," he added.



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Barlow Hall and its adjacent parking lot have been the target of a recent rash of break-ins around campus.

College bridges gap for nurses

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There is a new pathway to help those with English as a Second Language achieve nursing careers at Clackamas.

"It is not a new program but a bridge created between existing programs and departments designed to help non-native speakers transition successfully into the healthcare field," said Joanna Poncé, ESL instructor.

There are many other nursing programs, mostly private, through which immigrants and refugees can be certified and employed in Oregon.

"Unfortunately ELLs (English Language Learners) who pursue some of these training courses may not receive academic credit for their training, or may have to pay very high training fees," said Poncé.

Clackamas' program is called the Nursing Assistant Pathway for English Language Learners Project (PELL) and will offer ESL classes Spring Term so that students can transition into Nursing Assistant training Summer Term. The classes can be taught as a cohort, or by one group at a time.

"Normally the [Nursing Assistant] course is five weeks long and very intensive, the Health Science and ESL Departments are looking at a variety of alternatives that would ensure successful course completion and state certification," said Poncé.

The students will begin by taking the CNA training which will focus mostly on developing English language skills in a healthcare context.

"Our hope is to expand the Nursing Assistant project to include other selection within the healthcare field: medical assistant, dental assistant, etc.," said Poncé.

Poncé hopes that they can expand the nursing program, but the amount of "bridge" programs that Clackamas offers. There are aspirations for manufacturing, landscape technology and business technology to become fused in some way with the ESL department.

Students interested in the PELL project can contact Poncé at (503) 657-6958, ext. 2817, and at mponcep@clackamas.edu.

Sophomore Lady Cougars honored at their farewell home game



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Clackamas sophomore Kayla Ohlman (left) receives a certificate of appreciation from Head Coach Jim Martineau (right) as the Cougar mascot and Assistant Coach P.J. Martineau look on. Five Clackamas sophomores played their final home game on Saturday.

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Cash-saving tax tips for 2006

Sam Krause

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As the old adage goes, the only thing certain in life is death and taxes.

It can often be difficult for a college student to file taxes for the first time. *The Print* has put together a few pointers to help with the dubious process of filing.

What's the IRS doing this season?

The IRS offers a free tax assistance program called the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA) to those who make less than \$38,000 and can't prepare their taxes by themselves.

One program offered through

VITA is the Armed Forces Tax Council; it is the IRS' "main conduit" to members of the armed forces and their families. The AFTC provides tax advice, preparation and assistance. AFTC volunteers are trained to deal with armed forces specific issues such as combat-zone benefits.

In 2003, 392,000 tax returns were filed electronically by service members. By selecting direct deposit, most military personnel receive their refund in a week.

Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) helps people over the age of 60 with their tax returns. Volunteers usually had prior careers with non-profit tax assistance organizations, retired, and now receive grants from the IRS. Also, AARP offers

tax assistance at more than 9,000 sites during the tax season.

You may not have known about these ...

The Earned Income tax Credit is a credit worth up to \$4,400 if you are working and file federal and Oregon income tax returns. In 2003 the Internal Revenue Service returned \$334 million in EIC refunds to 204,000 Oregon residents. The number of recipients of the credit could increase if more residents filed for the refund.

The EIC isn't new and people can file for the past three years. People who receive welfare benefits and work can receive the EIC.

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Students selected to compete on game show

Sam Krause

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OPB's "High-Five Challenge" will again be featuring community colleges, and Clackamas has decided to show the Northwest what it's made of.

The Clackamas team has six students: Colby Stott, David Fauver, Ben Maras, C.J. Ciaramella, E.E. West and Tayo Stalnaker. This year the team has the bare minimum needed to form a team. For the most part the team consists of staff members from *The Clackamas Print*.

"I did it in high school and I thought I'd try it again," said *The Print's* Editor-in-Chief Maras. His team wasn't ready for the outcome though.

"We didn't know how the game worked and this is like a second shot at overthrowing the game-show circuit," said Maras.

David Fauver became a part of the team without meaning to.

"Rosemary Teeter got me to say 'okay yeah, whatever,'" said Fauver.

Fauver has spent many Sunday mornings watching the "High-Five Challenge."

"Nothing else is on OPB at six in the morning, and I watch a lot of OPB. It's nice," said Fauver.

Feature Editor C. J. Ciaramella said "I wanted to do it to prove my title as Grand Trivia Lord."

"I want to 'pwn' Mt. Hood," said *Print* Staff Writer Tayo Stalnaker of his goal for the game show.

E. E. West, copy editor and artist for *The Print* had other reasons for joining the team.

"I've gotten a lot from Clackamas. I'm proud of my school and I'm proud to represent it," West said.

Before anyone could qualify for the college's "High-Five" team, each student had to take a test to measure their ability.

Ciaramella called the test "random trivia."

"I'm pretty confident I kicked the questionnaire's ass," he said.

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