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Candidate proposes Atkinson diet

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Grassroots republican gubernatorial candidate and state senator Jason Atkinson, R-Central Point, spoke at a roundtable discussion yesterday in the Gregory forum. Atkinson has been seen as an underdog in the 2006 primary election, raising much of his campaign funds with \$5 and \$10 contributions from voters and supporters. "Can you run a grassroots campaign?" Atkinson asked. "The answer is yes, yes, yes." Atkinson went on to tell of a friend named Fin Lehey who sent him a weekly allowance to Atkinson. Another tale of a grassroots contributor was of a woman living on a small income who sent Atkinson a note that said "don't give up." "When you get someone's all, spend that money wisely,"

said Atkinson. "You see no money wasted."

One of Atkinson's main talking points was lobbyists in Oregon.

"There are 30 senators in the state legislature, but there are 650 registered lobbyists in Oregon," said Atkinson.

"I don't have grief with lobbyists. I have a problem with them setting the agenda," Atkinson said.

He said that the final budget bills to pass the state legislature for this coming biennium were education, public safety and human services, which he said "make up 90 percent of the budget." According to Atkinson the causes of the delay were seven special interest groups he did not name.

"Lobbyists killed Jessica's Law" the first time around, Atkinson said of the bill he co-sponsored.

Nonetheless, Atkinson said,

all those legislators and lobbyists involved in killing the bill now take credit for its passage during the six-hour special session on April 20.

"At the [televised] debate, there were two people in the audience who were instrumental in getting [Jessica's Law] passed, but will never get the credit," Atkinson said. Again, Atkinson did not name names.

A Clackamas student that identified himself by the Internet pseudonym Right Minded asked about Atkinson's upcoming television commercials.

"Oregon politics has been about endorsements and TV spots, but they lack credibility," Atkinson said. "But there's only three weeks left; I can't give away the secrets."

Ballots for the Oregon primary must be deposited at a local drop site by Tuesday, May 16 by 8 p.m. in order to be counted.



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Gubernatorial candidate Jason Atkinson spoke in the Gregory Forum yesterday. He has been running a grassroots campaign with an attempt to appeal to younger conservatives.

Shakespeare Day brings writer to life ... sort of

C.J. Ciaramella

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Today, above the usual din of conversation outside the Community Center, students might also hear cries of "To be, or not to be?" and "Alas, poor Yorick. I knew him, Horatio."

That's because the campus is holding its first ever Shakespeare Day outside the Community Center from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Shakespeare, the most celebrated playwright in history, is traditionally said to have been born on April 23, 1564, although the only date that is known for sure is his baptism, which occurred on April 26. He went on to pen a total of 37 plays, 154 sonnets and miscellaneous poems, that together constitute the cornerstone of English literature.

According to organizer Tiffany Kimmel, the event honoring the Elizabethan playwright will include a variety of activities.

"We are doing a sonnet contest," Kimmel explained. "The drama department will be staging improv,

a few monologues and a scene from 'Twelfth Night.' We're trying to get the library involved as well to show some of the Shakespeare resources we have available."

Kimmel was inspired to organize the event by what she felt was a need to "do some awareness events that were educational." The idea of a Shakespeare event fit the bill.

"How fun would it be to get a bunch of people from the campus - English, theater and stuff - and celebrate Shakespeare's birth, the birth of his genius?" said Kimmel of her thoughts upon considering a Shakespeare Day.

Shakespeare is still one of the most popular playwrights, although nearly 400 years have passed since his death. Many, such as the judge of the Shakespeare Day's sonnet contest, James Bryant-Trerise, find his influence almost immeasurable.

"Shakespeare is to Western literature as breathing is to the human body," Bryant-Trerise said.

For more information, students can contact the ASG in their office in the Community Center, or at ext. 2245.



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man and the Dumpster Divers rock for resources at the Watershed Summit on Friday, which was connected to the ongoing Sustainability Project.

Body works watershed crowds, sustainability moves forward

R. Delzell

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The all-day Watershed Summit visited the Clackamas Sustainability Project last Friday, with keynote speaker and local author Robin Delzell taking center stage. Delzell, the author of "Ricochet River," spoke in front of a crowd of 12. The Watershed Summit included a puppet show, a national water resource workshop, activities for children, art, food and giveaways, as well as a community sale put on by the Clackamas County Recycling Partnership. Workshops focused on top-

ics concerning watershed conservation, including the basics of water efficient landscaping, drainage problems, rain-water harvesting and natural gardening techniques.

Exhibitors present were the south fork water board and the 4-H Wildlife Stewards' School Club. Also in attendance were the Clackamas River Basin Council, who provided information for attendees interested in where their water comes from, and the Willamette River Keepers, who aim to keep the Willamette clean and fishable for all. Keynote speaker Delzell has also authored "Voyage of a Summer Sun," the story of a canoe trip down the Clackamas River.

"If this river was a song,

I would say who would sing it ... Harry Belafonte, that's right," Cody said.

A Yale graduate Cody devotes his time to writing and drives a school bus for mentally challenged children at Portland Public Schools. Cody currently resides "at the Johnson Creek watershed," as he put it.

"Ricochet River" was used in English curriculum at Clackamas High School and was challenged due to a sex scene contained in the book. He said it was challenged in newspapers and created quite the public fuss, but didn't want to go further in to the subject.

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College president announces new V.P.

To the campus community:

I am pleased to announce that Ron Stewart has been selected as the new vice president of College Services. Pending confirmation by the Board of Education, he will begin on July 1. Thank you to the screening committee, and all college staff who participated in the hiring process.

Ron is a longtime resident of the area who has been with the Oregon City School District for 16 years, and currently serves as their director of Business Services. He oversees a \$90 million annual budget and manages all fiscal services, facilities operations, bond construction, risk management, transportation, nutrition services and technology services.

He is a doctoral candidate in education at George Fox University and has earned master's degrees in both business administration and management from Marylhurst University. Ron has personal experience in the community college system, having started his college education at PCC.

Clackamas has been fortunate to have Brenda Tank providing strong leadership as the interim vice president of College Services. We will miss Brenda, but she will leave the division at the end of June in very capable hands.

Ron's professional and technical expertise, management skills and longtime community ties make him an excellent addition to the Clackamas Community College community. We have much to be grateful for: Oregon's economy continues to improve, spring is finally here and after an extensive search, the college has selected a new Vice President of College Services!

- Joe Johnson,
College President