

# Clackamas graduates say 'Adios'

**Katie Wilson**

*News Editor*

It will be time for graduating students to say goodbye to Clackamas next week.

"I'm going to miss the people," said student and ASG Senator Tiffany Kimmel.

She is walking with her mother at one of two graduation ceremonies next Friday.

"My mom had this fear of school," said Kimmel. "I told her it was going to be fun... now she's in love with school."

Kimmel and her mother are only two of 938 students gradu-

ating this term with a degree or certificate.

There are two ceremonies: the GED and Adult High School Diploma Graduation Ceremony on Thursday, and Certificate and Degree Commencement Ceremony on Friday. In the past, the college tried to do both ceremonies on the same night.

"It just got too full," said Janis Rosenlof, graduation coordinator and administrative assistant of instructional services.

At each ceremony two students will be honored by the college.

"These are students that have been inspirational," said Rosenlof.

Gisela Altairano and Primavera Salinas from the will be honored

on Thursday. Tawnya Stauffer and Greg Willis will be honored on Friday.

Outgoing ASG President Kristen Madden will be the speaker at the Friday ceremony.

According to Rosenlof, graduating students have been asked to help the college recognize staff and faculty who have positively impacted them during their time at Clackamas.

If the student wants to thank that person, forms are

available in Barlow 223 and at the switchboard in the community center.

College President Joe Johnson will include the names in his remarks to the graduates, and the "thank you" forms will be forwarded to the staff and faculty.

Of the many students graduating this term, less than half are actually partici-

pating in the ceremony.

"People have different reasons for walking or not walking," said Rosenlof. "Walking can give real closure and a sense of pride. Parents are walking and their families are there. It's different for everyone."

Graduation will be held in the Randall Hall Gymnasium on Thursday, June 15 at 7 p.m., and Friday, June 16 also at 7 p.m.

There will be overflow seating in the Gregory Forum and the ceremony will be shown on a large screen TV.

For more information please contact Rosenlof at (503) 657-6950 ext. 2205.

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Graduation Coordinator

## College says 'No' to pets inside campus buildings

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Pets have been banned from college buildings.

According to an administrative regulation approved by the college council on May 19, pets can no longer enter the college buildings and must be kept on a leash or under direct physical control if outside.

The regulation sprang from the college administration's desire to maintain a healthy and safe environment at Clackamas.

Many people are allergic to certain pets and some people are frightened by them.

Jean DeVenney from Advising and Counseling owns a German Shepard named Maxi, who, as a service dog, is exempt from the regulation.

"I make a point of asking people who come to my office if they are allergic to dogs or are afraid of them," she said. "If they are, we meet elsewhere. These are issues you have to pay attention to."

Maxi has served as a personal protection dog for the counselor since DeVenney began receiving threatening e-mails and phone calls both at work and home in March 2003. The threats have continued to this day.

"It's an interesting place to find oneself in," said DeVenney.

She added that having Maxi with her makes it possible for her to work and walk around with some feeling of safety.

Maxi goes with her nearly everywhere.

For other pets, however, unless they are service animals, the regulation means they've got to stay outside.

## Cell phones hope to dial away domestic abuse

**Megan Koler**

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Keeping victims of domestic violence only a dial away from help at all times is the goal of the new cell phone collection being run by the Criminal Justice fraternity, Epsilon Tau Alpha.

"The most dangerous part of being with an abusive spouse is leaving," explained full-time student and director of the cell phone donation project, Greg Willis, "... this is when the abusive spouse will most likely break the restraining order."

Willis believes having cell phones readily available to victims of domestic violence at that crucial juncture makes the transition from abuse to safety that much easier.

The fraternity hopes that people will bring in phones they find obsolete or in need of repair to a donation depot. From there, the fraternity will hand off the phones to the District Attorney's Victim

Advocacies office, where they will be refurbished and distributed.

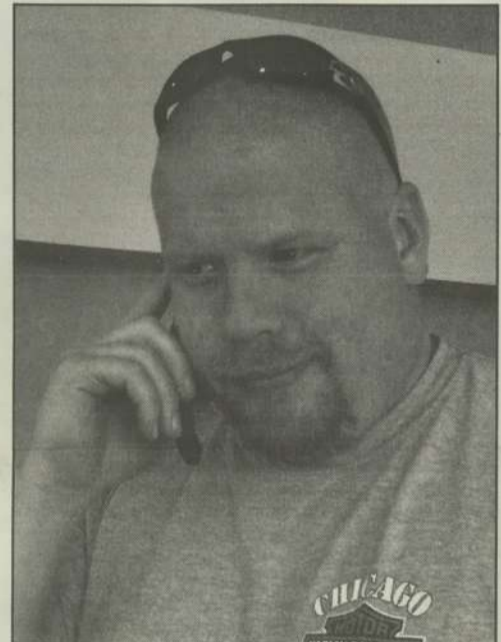
"[The cell phones] have to be repairable," said Willis. "We just need any phone that can still call 9-1-1."

The fraternity is also reaching out to large organizations such as Cingular Wireless for help in gathering as many donations as possible.

Anyone wishing to donate their cell phones can drop them off at room 150a at the Criminal Justice office in Clairmont Hall. Epsilon Tau Alpha will also run a firework stand in the summer, where they will have an area set aside for cell phone donations.

"Domestic violence is a huge issue, and anytime you can help take a huge chunk out of it is worth it," explained Willis. "I've donated five or six cell phones myself."

According to the American Medical Association, it is estimated that four million women are victims of "severe assaults" by husbands or boy-



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Greg Willis talks on his cell phone. Willis and members of the Criminal Justice fraternity Epsilon Tau Alpha are leading a cell phone drive to aid victims of domestic violence and abuse.

friends a year, and that one out of four women will be abused at some point in their life. Anyone with questions about donation can contact Ida Flippo at (503) 657-6950 ext. 2255, or by email at iflip@clackamas.edu.

## Hybrid Spanish class offers new alternatives

**Matt Olsen**

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Clackamas will be one of the first schools in Oregon to offer the new Spanish 101 hybrid class that will begin this fall as a four-credit course.

James Barnhill, the instructor for the part-online, part-classroom course, will bring his 14 years of Spanish teaching experience to this new part of the College's Foreign Language Department.

The program promises to be a large step for the Spanish program.

"We think this program will be pretty popular," said Barnhill. "Students can work at their own pace."

The hybrid course is designed for "untraditional students" according to Barnhill. Students that are part-time, have a job or are somehow unable to take the campus courses now have an alternative.

"Because it's a hybrid class [students] will have the opportunity to practice the language in a class once a week," said Irma Bjerre, head of the Foreign Language Department.

Students will meet in a classroom for one hour every week to ask questions and take quizzes, but will do the majority of the work online.

The online part of the class will include activities with a partner, voice recording, pronunciation practice and many other interactive assignments.

"One concern is that they'll have a lot of questions," said Barnhill. "They won't always have that immediate contact."

With any language course students learn the bulk of pronunciation and grammar by oral practice and by making mistakes that the teachers can correct.

"Help is readily available through the publisher," said Barnhill about the concerns. "Most of the courses are set up by Vistas Higher Learning."

Vistas is a publishing company that specializes in Spanish textbooks, and recently adapted an online course that Clackamas's hybrid course will utilize.

"We're not trying to do away with traditional classes, we're just trying to supplement them," said Barnhill. The course will be "taking advantage of new technology."

If the 101 course is a success, plans for adding 102 and 103 are in place for Winter and Spring Terms respectively. It is hoped that this array of new courses will foreshadow an expansion and improvement of the Language Department as a whole.

## campus SAFETY

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



**5-25-06**

**4:14 p.m.**

Staff reported suspicious activity in wooded area behind the Environmental Learning Center. Numerous Oregon City Police Department and Clackamas County Sheriff's Office units enroute. Assigned cadet to get information from reporting parties and block off Inskeep Drive.

**5:00 p.m.**

Contacted suspicious party and advised them to leave campus. No crime committed. Oregon City Police Department and Clackamas County Sheriff's Office cleared area.

**5-27-06**

**4:40 p.m.**

Report. DeJardin exit door not closing. Rock removed.

**5-29-06**

**10:55 a.m.**

Officer found two west windows ajar, enough to get hand inside. Officer closed and secured the windows.