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Hooley at campus today
Megan Koler
Sports Editor

Congresswoman Darlene Hooley and Commissioner Martha Schraeder will attend today's "Why Manufacturing Matters" conference in the Niemeyer Theatre. The conference will discuss a campaign to raise awareness of opportunities in the manufacturing industry. This event is geared toward high school teachers, counselors and administrators. Starting at 12:30 p.m., after a tour of the Benchmade Knife Company and special remarks by Commissioner Schraeder, the conference will reconvene in the Niemeyer Theatre for a discussion regarding manufacturing, followed by a question and answer session. Congresswoman Hooley, representative from Oregon's fifth congressional district, will speak at 1 p.m. as a special guest.

Money sits, waits for students
Megan Koler
Sports Editor

There are still scholarships available for students pursuing a major at Clackamas. Scholarships are available for students majoring in the following fields: Apprenticeship/Building Construction, Automotive, Criminal Justice, Drafting, Engineering, Horticulture, Manufacturing, Microelectronics/Electronics, Nursing and Welding.

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President takes leave from college

Katie Wilson
Co-Editor-in-Chief

President Joe Johnson left the college Oct. 2 and is on personal leave. According to board member Chuck Clemans, Johnson initiated the leave and was not asked to leave by the college. Clemans is unsure when Johnson will return. "About all I can say is that we were led to believe that the leave would extend through accreditation," he said.

Clemans met with deans, association presidents, and student representative ASG President Tim Lussier last Monday morning to alert them of the situation. Clemans says that a series of meetings were conducted last week to "describe the situation" to the rest of the college. In the meantime, to fill the gap of leadership, the board met Oct. 3 to accomplish two actions. The first of these approved Bill Dierdorff's contract. Dierdorff is currently interim vice president of college services.

The second designated Dierdorff as administrative head of the college. "The reputation of the college is strong and still intact," said Clemans. "People are here doing their jobs." Dave Arter, president of the full-time faculty association, said the faculty was supposed to meet with Johnson last Thursday. He said that, in light of the president taking leave, the meeting did not happen. "Things are kind of up in the air," he said.

Emergency meeting puts new man in charge

Sam Krause
Co-Editor-in-Chief

The Board of Education called an emergency board meeting Oct. 3 appointing Bill Dierdorff as interim vice president of college services and administrative head and authorized signator on an interim basis while President Joe Johnson is on personal leave. The majority of board members participated via phone. There was one dissenting vote cast by Board Member Larry Wright. His concerns stemmed from the \$180,000 per year Dierdorff would receive while employed at the college.

Since Dierdorff retired from the North Clackamas School District, he doesn't pay into the Public Employee Retirement System or qualify for insurance. The money that typically goes into those accounts is instead paid to Dierdorff. "I just think that's an awful lot of money," said Wright.

The V.P. of college services manages the business, human resources, facilities and technology departments. "Hopefully, I can give overall leadership, help each of those people do their jobs and provide the coordination between them," said Dierdorff.

As administrative head and authorized signator, Dierdorff oversees day-to-day operations of the college and is authorized to make financial decisions for operation costs. Dierdorff's qualifications include a Masters in Business and a Doctorate in Education Administration. Before coming to the college, Dierdorff was the director of business for the North Clackamas School District for 24 years.



DIERDORFF

Upgrading campus: Wheelchair ramp, paving, bookstore, parking, more to come Winter Term

Megan Koler
The Clackamas Print

Renovations this past summer breathed new life into outdated buildings and unaccommodating services. Most of the construction was made in hopes of making the campus more accessible to students and staff with disabilities.

Paths around campus were improved and linked to pedestrian crosswalks, old, exposed aggregate pavement was replaced with new smoother pavement, and existing ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) stalls were improved, while new ones were created closer to buildings.

"I think that what this means is that students can better able get around, and they can get to the places they need with more ease," explained Mary Lou Rupp, the accommodations specialist for the Disability Resource Center. "For people that have a hard time walking... it makes a big difference for them not have the difficulty around campus."

An improvement that many students have already begun to appreciate is the redesigned and expanded bookstore.

The project has provided an extra 1,800 square feet of space for retail sales, office areas, a customer service station and a book buy back desk. There is also now 3,000 square feet specifically for shipping and warehousing.

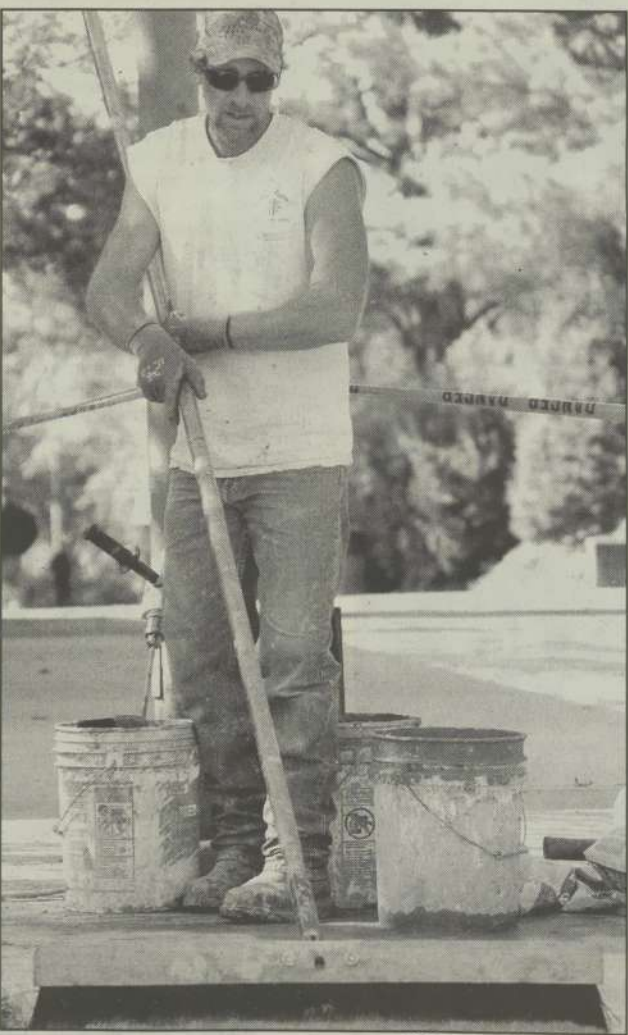
"It's a major change," said Kirk Pearson, the director of plant operations, commenting on the completely different floor plan.

The Dye Learning Center had several of its classrooms upgraded. Three undersized classrooms were converted

into two larger classrooms, and several rooms received infrastructure for "Smart" classrooms. The "Smart" classroom includes a podium that contains a computer, DVD/VCR player, document camera and laptop port connected to a LCD projector and speakers. "All of the technology can

on top of the podium immediately in front of the instructor," said Systems Engineer Stuart Long. "This technology gives the instructor greater capability and flexibility to deliver course materials to their students."

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A construction worker puts finishing touches on the new cement pads outside of the Community Center.

Correction

In *The Clackamas Print Special Edition*, Sept. 27, we reported that Dean of College Advancement Shelly Parini-Ringe signed the deans' letter asking President Joe Johnson to step down. Parini did not sign the letter. We regret any confusion or problems this may have caused.