

Fair quells transfer student worries

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More than 30 northwest colleges will be meeting with CCC students in the Gregory Forum tomorrow for the annual Transfer Day.

With a wide variety of state and private institutions planned to be in attendance, students may have a tough time sorting through all the scholarly options presented to them. Academic Adviser Jessica Walter had some advice on hand for students who aren't sure what questions to ask, and what information to seek out.

"Ask about the strength of their programs," said Walter. "Ask about the faculty. Who are they? Who's outstanding in their fields?"

Armed with an array of specific questions, students can get a much greater sense of a college's

services and academic strengths. Simply asking about any notable professors or faculty can give one a sense of that college's specialty.

For students who are still in the process of deciding what in the world they want to study, Transfer Day can provide some good ideas.

"A lot of the students we have here aren't aware of the transfer options out there," said Walter. "It's a good place for a person with no idea to start the process."

Some might view the fair as just a big sales pitch by big colleges toward the students here on campus, but Walter clarifies: "The goal of this program is to help students to understand their options."

Of course anyone in attendance won't just be getting the information needed to further their education; there are also door prizes and a wealth of information regarding scholarships available to transfer

students.

"Scholarships are something you should ask about!" said Walter.

In particular is the Western Undergraduate Exchange. Wue.wiche.edu explains the program: "Through WUE, students in western states may enroll in many two-year and four-year college programs at a reduced tuition level - 150 percent of the institution's regular resident tuition." This is instead of the full out-of-state tuition cost.

"Most of the people who are coming are admissions counselors," said Walter. This allows students to get information about acceptance standards and set up college visits.

"I would encourage students to visit campuses," said Walter. "This is the one big fair. Students can follow up by visiting [colleges]."

Death Valley deadline approaching

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This Spring Break, Clackamas instructor Jennifer Bown will be taking a class of students to Death Valley National Park in California.

The class counts as a four-credit, transferable lab science course. It takes place March 22 to the 31, and availability is on a first-come, first-serve basis.

The nine-day trip will include lectures from several faculty and guest lecturers. The class will include assignments and meetings prior to the trip. Students will also prepare lectures based on their previously completed research projects.

Students will learn about many different subjects on the trip, including Geology, Geography, Biology, Anthropology, Environmental Science and occasionally Astronomy.

"The scope of the course and the incredible location is really what has given this course its immense popularity. Ask any students who have gone, and they repeatedly remark that it was a learning experience of a lifetime," said Bown.

For those interested in going on this amazing trip, there will be an informational slide show on Thurs., Jan. 25 from noon to 1 p.m. in Pauling, Room 101. This slide show will provide more information regarding the cost of the trip.

"I have seen, in the past, students who are interested come in and ask to enroll during the later part of Winter Term, and they are disappointed at not being able to go," said Bown.

"Just make sure you can get the time off, and that you can afford it. The school also offers specific scholarships for field trips if money is the



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ABOVE: Chuckwalla are one of the many creatures students might see on the Death Valley trip.

issue."

Anyone interested in the Death Valley class can contact Bown at 503-657-6958, ext. 2926, or e-mail her at jenb@clackamas.edu.

The many faces of politics: Club face off

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said Lussier. "It was an intense, good experience."

Nearly 100 people were present, some on their own initiative and others as part of a class.

Social Science Instructor Dean Darris was present with his band and students from his classes.

"What I loved was that it was student-directed and student-driven," said Darris, after the debate. "It was a nice exercise in democracy, and God knows we need it."

According to Lussier, the two clubs have been discussing the possibility of a panel discussion in the future.

A band was playing as people trickled in for the debate between the president of the college's Republicans club, Tim Lussier, and Jason Thomas, representative of the Democrat club, in the Gregory Forum.

The two clubs organized the event as an experiment in democracy.

Everything from the war in Iraq to social security and healthcare were topics of debate.

"I haven't done debates before,"



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Jason Thomas (LEFT), representative of the Democrat Club debated with the president of the Republicans club, Tim Lussier (RIGHT).

CAMPUS NEWS & EVENTS

BBQ Today: ASG will hold the BBQ in front of the Community Center from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Come buy a hamburger, Garden Burger, or chicken Breast meal for only \$3.

Seasoned Adult Enrichment Program: Wildflowers, Known and Unknown. Dorothy Macfarlane presents a slide show of the wildflowers she has seen in her travels for this Seasoned Adult Enrichment Program (SAEP) session today. SAEP sessions are held at 9:30 a.m., Wednesdays, in Room 191 at the college's Harmony Campus at 7616 S.E. Harmony Road. For more information, call 503-657-6958, ext. 3146.

Ski Bus: Jan. 27 and Feb. 10 from 12:45 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. Only \$20 for bus and lift tickets (CCC students only). Come to Student Activities, Room CC 152, or call ext. 2245 for more information.

Marketing Waterwise Landscaping: Explore ways to incorporate water efficiency into standard business practices in this two-hour workshop taught by Dave Snell on Jan. 30. The class takes place from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Clairmont Hall. The fee for the class is \$20. For more information, call Loretta Mills at 503-657-6958, ext. 2246.

Seasoned Adult Enrichment Program: Portland Art Museum. The Seasoned Adult Enrichment Program (SAEP) will take a field trip to the Portland Art Museum to view the "Treasures of Ancient Egypt" exhibit on Jan. 31. SAEP sessions are held at 9:30 a.m., Wednesdays, in Room 191 at the college's Harmony Campus at 7616 S.E. Harmony Road. For more information, call 503-657-6958, ext. 3146.

Blood Drive: Wed., Jan. 31 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Gregory Forum. Sign up in Student Activities, CC 152, or call ext. 2245.

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