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Search for president involves community

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Three questions and five forums: thus a college begins search for a new president. Rosanne Truesdell currently serves as interim president and expressed interest in the permanent position. The college Board of Education will consider other candidates when they send out a nationwide vacancy announcement.

Don Carnahan, president and executive consultant from Oregon School Boards Association, is here at Clackamas leading public forums to help determine the abilities and qualifications required in a president.

Board Member Chuck Clemans said that such forums are "fairly common" in schools search for new leadership.

However, in the present circumstances: "There is a heightened interest at this time," he added.

With the confusion occasioned by the departure of former Vice Presidents Dian Connett and Stewart and President Joe Mason last term, the college has attempted to keep forums open and accessible to the college community.

The board is interested in making the process open to the faculty and the students," said Carnahan at the afternoon forum yesterday.

"We are interested in everybody's views... especially, the views of the results of the Climate Commission," said

Clemans.

The Climate Commission was administered last term to determine the morale of the college.

"The climate survey is a really good document," said Carnahan to the seven faculty members present at yesterday's 2:30 forum. "Many [people] are not here today probably because they were able to express their concerns there."

Though it was a small group, the participants worked through Carnahan's three questions:

1. What is Clackamas Community College known for; what does the college do especially well that you want to see continued?

2. What are the most serious challenges Clackamas Community College faces?

3. What personal and professional qualifications must your new president have to build on your strengths and meet the challenges?

The faculty discussed many topics, including the lack of health clinics on campus, whether candidates should have a doctorate, and "The Clackamas Way."

"We all say it like we know what it means," said one faculty

member about the Clackamas Way.

Carnahan will be compiling the information from this and other forums to present to the board next Wednesday.

"I think [Carnahan] is an excellent choice," Clemans said. "He's a good listener."

The board will send out the vacancy announcement after reviewing the information.

"Our aim, which is fairly ambitious," said Clemans, "is to have someone by July 1 or in time to start planning for the upcoming academic year."

He added that, though ambitious, the goal is reasonable since the people who would be applying for such a position would expect to start at the time

the board is hoping for.

"I think that hiring a president is the most important thing that the board does," said Clemans. "This will be the chief executive officer through whom our policies are going to get carried out."

There are two more forums scheduled for tomorrow. The first forum will be from noon to 2 p.m. for all staff, students and community, and another from 2:30 to 4 p.m. for exempt staff. The forums will be held in the Gregory Forum.

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Board Member

Cougs basketball on roll; see back page



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Sophomore swingman Nick Eldridge shoots from long range in a recent game. Eldridge has consistently beaten teams from deep.

Keeping hearts healthy, happy, alive

Megan Koler

News Editor

Hearts, instead of *sweethearts*, will get all the attention this Valentine's Day for Clackamas' first ever Health Fair.

"The day that it is [scheduled] just happened to be Valentine's Day," said Michelle Baker, student leadership adviser. "We thought it would be good, though, because [the theme is] 'Be good to your heart.'"

The Health Fair will take place in the Bill Brod Community Center mall on Feb. 14, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., and will include many health-related screenings, activities and prize giveaways.

"We're going to have the Nursing Students Association giving blood pressure screenings," said Baker.

24-Hour Fitness, which is opening a new facility in Clackamas, will be here offering free body fat screenings.

There will be two masseuses giving free massages, and Uruguayan harpist Antonio Centurion will be playing relaxing music from 12

p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

"We're going to do a 'Step into Fitness' challenge," said Baker. "We have some pedometers, and we are going to allow people to check them out and track how many steps they take in an average day."

This contest will run for two weeks, and at the end, whoever racks up the most steps in one day will win a pedometer.

"We have the Great Harvest Bread Company in Clackamas donating bread so that we can give out samples of healthy bread," said Baker.

Chartwells will also be participating in the Health Fair by showcasing some of their healthy alternatives. As of Jan. 29, the Chartwells Grill uses trans-fat-free oil for the deep fryer, and all their donuts are trans-fat free.

"We were just kind of excited to do something different," said Baker. "We thought it might be fun to have something relaxing and fun for people in the middle of Winter Term."

Any questions regarding the Health Fair can be directed to Baker at 503-657-6958, ext. 2245, or by e-mail at mbaker@clackamas.edu.

CAMPUS NEWS & EVENTS

Pesticide Applicator Course In Spanish

Today, there will be a course on the safe handling of pesticides from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Clairmont, Room 133. There is a fee of \$35. Re-certification credits are available. For more information, call Loretta Mills at 503-657-6968, ext. 2246.

Community Forum on Presidential Search

Tomorrow, from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m., the public is invited to participate in community forums that will help CCC search for a new president. The forum will take place in the Gregory Forum. For more information, call 503-657-6958, ext. 2401.

Fruit Tree Pruning Seminar

There will be demonstration and practice of pruning methods appropriate on a variety of fruit trees on Feb. 10 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the CCC Home Orchard Society Arboretum. Bring your own pruning tools and appropriate outdoor wear. Pre-registration is encouraged. There is a fee of \$10. Call Loretta Mills at 503-657-6968, ext. 2246 for more information.

George Fox Hosts Information Sessions

The George Fox Degree Program will host a series of informational sessions at the Harmony campus. They are seeking input from students about what four-year degree programs might be desired. The sessions are scheduled for 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Feb. 12 and Feb. 28. They will be held in Room 149 at the Harmony campus. For more information, contact Angie Sandercock at 503-657-6948, ext. 3108.

Scholarship Workshops for Students and Parents

There will be workshops for more information on how to apply for scholarships that CCC offers. Scholarships are offered for all available fields of study for students with a 2.0 GPA or higher. The workshops are scheduled from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Feb. 13, 20 and 27, and March. 6. The workshops will take place in Room 117 of Roger Rook Hall. For more information, call Darcie Iven at 503-657-6958, ext. 5008.