

GET A CLUE...

Mysteries and clues abound on campus in the Art Mystery contest

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There is an air of mystery around campus — art mystery.

Clackamas is sponsoring a contest to find a hidden piece of art. The contest was inspired by the recent arrival of a sculpture exhibit at the college.

"I always loved treasure hunts as a kid," joked Bill Briare, dean of arts, humanities and social sciences. "It was brought about as a way to showcase the statue exhibit on cam-

pus. It promotes the arts on campus, as well as the exhibit."

Those wishing to participate can start by registering at www.clackamas.edu. On the homepage, there is a link in the shape of a treasure map. Click on the button that says "register."

All a contestant needs to register is his or her name and e-mail, and he or she must be over 16 years of age.

Once registered, clues can be found in *The Clackamas Review / Oregon City News*. Display ads in the paper will contain a clue. Additional clues will be sent to participants online periodically. The first four clues can be found at the school Web site: www.clackamas.edu.

The mysterious missing item is located somewhere on public property in Clackamas County — but no need to get out the hiking gear and shovel; the item is not buried or in a place that would require climbing.

The grand prize is a year's tuition, a \$100 gift certificate to the Clackamas Bookstore and a laptop computer. Additional prizes include art-

work, college classes, theater tickets, as well as books from the English Department and CDs from the Music Department.

The winners will be announced on Sat., May 19 at Clackamas' 40th Anniversary Celebration. The event will include food, as well as music, art and theatre performances.

"We thought, 'What better way to end it than at a celebration for and about the college?'" said Briare.

The Print was even able to obtain an exclusive clue from Briare.

"Want a clue that helps you seek? Ply your trade near Beaver Creek. Something now to lighten your load; stay the course near Glen Oak Road."

For more information, call Bill Briare at (503) 657-6958, ext. 2202.

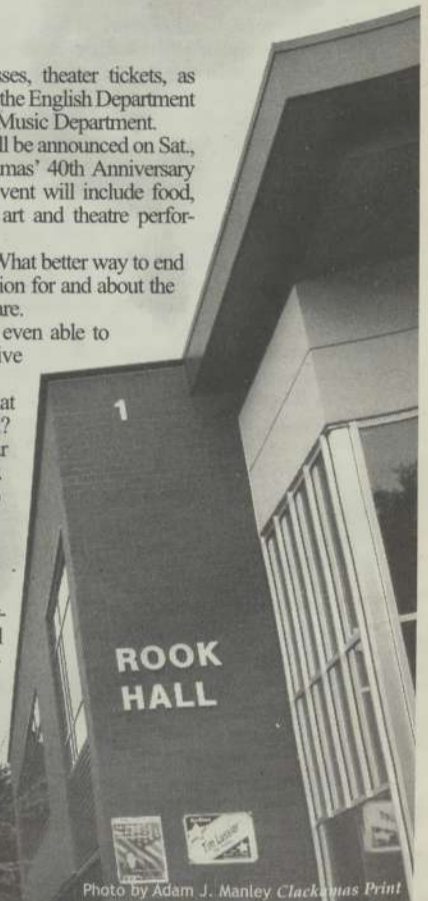


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Oregon grants equal rights to gays, lesbians

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Oregon has joined 17 other states granting equal rights to gays and lesbians in the public arena.

The Oregon legislature approved a last Thursday prohibiting discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation. Gov. Kulongoski has yet to sign the bill, though he promised that if it passes the House, he will sign the bill into law.

"It is important to know that you're going to get fired from your job just because your boss finds out that you're gay," said Carol Burnell, adviser to the Rainbow Club, Clackamas' gay-straight alliance.

The Oregonian recently explained that "the law bans discrimination based on sexual orientation in housing, workplace and public places, such as restaurants and theaters. It gives people the authority to seek, through court action, actual and punitive damages and attorney's fees for unlawful discrimination. Complaints will be investigated by the civil rights division of the Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries."

"Those are really important conversations that affect our students," said Burnell.

The law might change the way a lot of institutions operate in Oregon; however, Burnell maintains that, in her experience, Clackamas has usually been a fair place to work and learn.

"The Clackamas administration is really supportive and welcoming. I would say that that is the same for most of the faculty and staff," said Burnell. "Sometimes it's a little harder for the students to understand these issues because they have never thought about it in terms of a real person. If they're against something, they don't understand that that means a person might not be able to go to

a hospital room that their loved one is in."

The student members of the Rainbow Club, like Mathew J. Spencer, have also been following the legislation. Spencer, like Burnell, feels that the majority of the open discrimination on campus comes from students and not the school itself.

"Obviously, the law is not going to change that, but I think it will really affect employment opportunities, and that's what I like about it," said Spencer.

Some organizations are considering raising the 55, 179 signatures of registered voters that are required to challenge the bill.

"I don't anticipate that there will be much challenge to [the bill], especially since there is the religious exception," said Burnell.

The bill allows an exemption to a "bona fide church or other religious institution" that has religious issues

with homosexuality. It includes any jobs that are closely related to a church or religious organization, such as day-care centers, thrift stores, bookstores, radio stations, or shelters.

"Deciding where the boundaries of church and state are is a big deal," said Burnell. "In trying to figure out 'Where is the role of religion, and where is the role of the state?' you need to be really careful about that and not trample on someone's religious beliefs."

Another bill making its way through Salem is the Domestic Partnership Law, which would grant same-sex couples many of the same benefits that heterosexual couples have with a recognized marriage.

"I think, with big changes like this, you have to allow people the time to get used to the idea," said Burnell. "Once you realize that, it's not really that threatening. I am sure that [within a lifetime], but maybe not mine, full marriage rights will happen."



Internet photo

Demonstrators at a protest at the University of Virginia. Virginia is one of the 32 states that have no laws against sexual orientation discrimination.

Board says 'Yea' or 'Nay' to interim president on Friday

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Could the college possibly have a new president by Friday?

The campus has been without one since the middle of Fall Term, with the departure of Former College President Joe Johnson and the virtual collapse of the administration.

Current Vice President of College Services Bill Dierdorff stepped in as interim president until the Board of Education took on Joanne Truesdell and John Keyser. Truesdell became the next interim president, with Keyser working as an adviser to help ease the transition.

The news now: In an executive session last Friday, the board assessed evaluations of the candidates given to them by the selection committee, according to Board Chair Ron Adams.

They then voted in the public meeting, and Truesdell is now the top candidate for the permanent president position.

"I am thrilled," she said. "I have really enjoyed being here."

The evaluations and comments made by the selection

committee kept on turning up the same information. They preferred Truesdell.

"Everyone would agree that this is very unusual to have a single top candidate," said Adams, "[but] it was very apparent that Joanne was."

"Unless something came up that really surprised us, this would be the person we'd like to offer the job to," he added.

"With the fewer candidates, the quality was very high," said Board Member Chuck Clemans. "But there was quite

a split between her and the rest of the candidates."

There will be a chance for the college community to meet Truesdell, if they haven't already, and provide the board with feedback. Two open forums are scheduled

for Friday from 10 to 11 a.m. and 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

These will be followed by an executive session of the board at 3:30. The decision of whether or not to hire Truesdell could be announced in a regular board meeting at 4:30.

Meanwhile, according to Adams, the rest of the candidates are "on hold."



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