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Questions asked about Military scholarship donation

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On the evening of Feb. 18, a Clackamas Community College Foundation meeting regarding scholarships led to a lot of eyebrows.

The meeting was planned after a U.S. Department of Defense contractor, TriWest, agreed to contribute \$2,500 to the Clackamas Military Families Scholarship.

Though the college is always pleased to receive contributions, some worries accompany such arrangements. Clackamas Student Government Club Senator Jayc Izso, present during the presentation of the scholarship, expressed his concerns.

The college is just looking at it from (the standpoint of) money in their pockets, but any tie that you have with an organization (and) some system of education is not going to raise a question," Izso said. "I don't think you would call it a conflict of interest, but you should definitely call it something to stipulate about. Who is this really for?"

Clackamas Regional Service Director Mike Hanley, who oversees the donation process, has military experience as a veteran of the first Gulf War. The Military Families Scholarship does not pay out to dependents whose family member served in the military before 2003 and requires them to be in active service.

He is one of 14 TriWest regional service directors, responsible for the region spanning Oregon, most of Washington and northern Idaho. As part of his job, he seeks out and submits requests to TriWest's Community Relations Department for philanthropic opportunities such as the Clackamas Military Families Scholarship.

The scholarship meeting was set up by Foundation Director Vicki Smith a few months prior, after contacting TriWest. Smith has ties to the Pacific Northwest Defense Council, a Portland-based organization of defense contractors which TriWest is a member.

After that membership list, Smith contacted Hanley about the possibility of garnering a donation to the college. Hanley was invited by Smith to the Foundation meeting to present the check and talk about his business. Afterward, he attended a dinner provided by the college, during which he left the door open for future business between the two organizations.

A contribution request form was submitted by the college to TriWest, which proceeded to approve the check for \$2,500 after being processed through the proper channels.

"We contribute money to a high number of different organizations ... basically, that stems from our president David McIntyre," Hanley said. "One of the philosophies that is part of his (McIntyre's) core and fiber is that we have the best customers in the world; those who either are serving or have served our country." Gray of TriWest's external affairs department said the donation procedure this way: "The money itself comes from the company's profits, and a certain amount that has been designated to fund these things. Also, the company has a dedicated unit, Community Relations, which seeks out these areas of funds them."

It is one of three defense contractors under the Department of Defense that administers the government's civilian healthcare program for military clients, reservists, retirees and active duty members, and their families. These contractors carry out the work in support of the government healthcare managing infrastructure and logistical operations. The profit TriWest generates is designated on to various organizations and funds that support military members, past and present, in addition to their core families.

The Military Families Scholarship offers money to dependents and students who have a family member who served or one who has died during active service.

Chartwells leaves a bad taste in students' mouths

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It has been said that all a college student's diet consists of is pizza, beer and soda. However, Clackamas students are concerned about more than the quick and cheap bite to eat on campus.

The Clackamas Food Committee sent out a survey regarding the campus vending and vendor Chartwells beginning in early February; the results don't bode well for Chartwells.

The survey asked questions concerning students' and staff's eating habits and opinions on the current establishment's service, including vending options. All answers were anonymous, and the survey was available online and in hard-copy form to all faculty, staff and students.

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Athletic funding crisis: students left to fill the gap

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Some may call the financial situation in the athletic department a crisis.

For more than 10 years, the department has had to deal with the necessary diversion of resources from fundraising to pay for essential equipment and expenses.

The crux of the dilemma is the source of the money.

"The athletic budget has not changed since 1992," said Athletics Director Jim Jackson. "The reason '92 is that we took athletics out of the general fund. John Keyser (former college president) finally said, 'I am tired of having to justify sports to people.' And if they took it out of the general funds, then budget cuts wouldn't affect the department."

Now that the college is looking to make over \$700,000 in budget cuts, according to Vice President of College Services Courtney Wilton, most departments are feeling the pinch, with the exception of athletics, which has felt it for much longer.

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3-D art given new life by webmaster

Note: Collman is the 2008 CCC Journalism Skills Contest Winner. This is her winning article.

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The term "3-D" is usually associated with cheap kids' movies and comic books – what was once awesome and jaw-dropping has become yesterday's news.

But one Clackamas employee has found a way to restore 3-D to its original glory by turning it into art.

Dean Walch is the full-time webmaster at the college and a part-time analogic photographer. However, Walch's history at Clackamas dates back to 1987, when he dropped out of high school and entered an adult diploma program.

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