

# ECONOMY: Instuctors share perspectives on fluctuations

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using a question and format the students lead the direction of discussion and have concerns directly ssed.

is good that people stand the overview; a better understand- the situation helps make better finan- decisions and deci- in general," said Rimaldi, a business sor.

panel of experts con-

sisted of three Clackamas staff members - Alan Shackleford, the college's economics professor; Dean Darris and Hugo Rimaldi. The event was organized by the panel itself, Amy Larkin, the secretary of the social science department and Social Science Department Chair Robert Keeler.

When asked about the nature of the panel, Keeler said each professor was meant to represent his own area of expertise. By having experts in different fields, questions could be addressed from multiple unique points of view.

"I thought Hugo from a finance perspective did a very good job of outlining how the mortgage and credit crises developed," said Keeler.

The session lasted the

total two hours set aside for it. Each student got an opportunity to ask a question at least once. Depending on the nature of the question, it was addressed by one, two or all three of the experts on the panel. The panel answered each question in a comprehensive manner, so that the

students and staff attending could understand the response without any special expertise in the subjects covered.

Shackleford provided the initial suggestion to hold the colloquium in order to benefit the students and the community.

"I don't know if it was a success, but it certainly was

a worthwhile endeavor. It allowed the social sciences to share their expertise for the common good," said Darris.

Clackamas is an academic institution, and events like this colloquium are a way for students to learn outside of just the classroom and provide practical and meaningful information for their everyday lives.

There will be another colloquium on

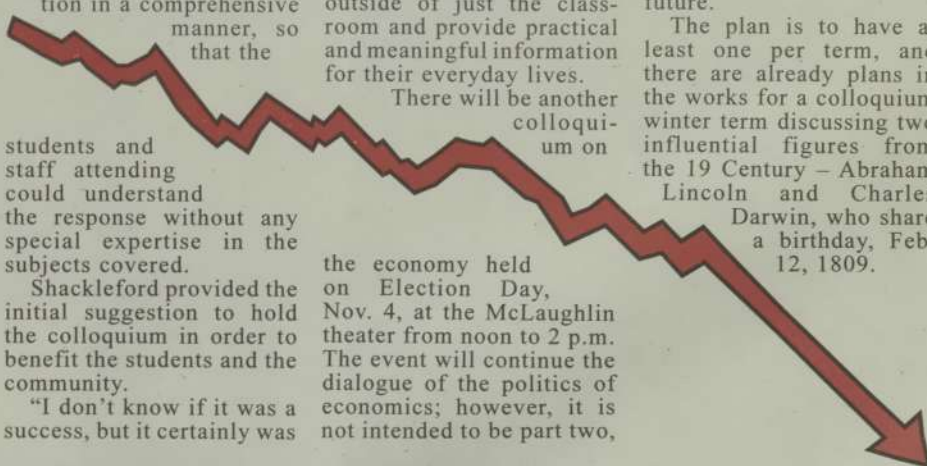
the economy held on Election Day, Nov. 4, at the McLaughlin theater from noon to 2 p.m. The event will continue the dialogue of the politics of economics; however, it is not intended to be part two,

but to stand alone. It will consist of the same panel of experts and will attempt to address the same concerns the last colloquium did.

Keeler also mentioned that the social science department will be holding more colloquiums in the future.

The plan is to have at least one per term, and there are already plans in the works for a colloquium winter term discussing two influential figures from the 19 Century - Abraham Lincoln and Charles Darwin, who share a birthday, Feb. 12, 1809.

Economic Panel:  
 Tuesday, Nov. 4  
 McLaughlin Hall  
 Auditorium



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