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## Eager students seek aid



A crowd, made up of prospective students, parents and information seekers of all kinds, listens intently as speakers deliver useful advice on how to obtain financial aid and pick out the right college.

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Editor in Chief

More than 200 students gathered in the Gregory room on Monday night for pizza, money and college advice at an event called College Night in Oregon.

Three Clackamas students walked away with \$500 scholarships and information to help fund their education.

The event, which was sponsored by Clackamas and College Goal Oregon, aimed to educate students of all ages on their options in choosing a college. With speakers from various Clackamas schools, the program lasted for two hours and catered to high school age students.

It's up to you whether you want to learn after

high school," said opening speaker Mike Hawkes, director of Government Affairs of Educational Credit Management Corporation.

Hawkes, a Virginia native, greeted the packed room with jokes and clear statements for the young audience including why the information presented would matter and how it would help them in the long run.

"Money should not be a barrier to continuing education," he said as he introduced a platform on financial aid and scholarships.

Canby High School student Carolyn Mackinee attended the evening to learn more about her choices in colleges.

"The night was pretty helpful," said Mackinee. "I learned a lot about what I should do in finding the right school for me. There was also

a lot of good information on how to get money to pay for my schooling. What student doesn't need that?"

Mike Caudle, Advising/Recruitment Specialist in Student Outreach, led the first portion of the night with a discussion on choosing the right college. Using a PowerPoint presentation and the "Opportunities: Preparing for Higher Education Guide and Workbook," Caudle led students through the steps into choosing a college.

The second segment of the night was on the financial aid process.

Fayne Griffiths, director of Student Financial Services, explained to students the main steps to take in applying for and receiving government help. She also used time at the end to answer questions

regarding financial aid issues.

The final discussion of the evening was on finding and applying for scholarships, led by Advising and Recruitment Specialist Ariane Amstutz. She gave examples of how to find appropriate scholarships and successfully apply for them.

Hawkes closed the evening by awarding four \$500 scholarships to attendees. Three of the four scholarships were awarded to Clackamas students: First-year student Angella Mentze, Student Government Ambassador Alina Goncharova, and ASG Promotions Senator Javierh Montero.

College Goal Oregon will be holding another event on campus on Saturday, Jan. 24 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Gregory Forum.

## 'Twilight' tantalizes the tastebuds

Two crazed fans instant message a review about a vampire flick

**Emily Walters**  
**Jess Sheppard**  
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**Jess Sheppard:** OMG TWILIGHT!!!!

**Emily Walters:** Yes! So amazing that a scene was shot at our college too! I whispered furiously to the friend that I went with "That's at MY school!"

**JS:** That's why I went to the midnight premiere - to see my school on the big screen. How big were the lines where you went?

**EW:** There weren't lines!

**JS:** Really? The line was across the street at Bridgeport.

**EW:** Clackamas Town Center's theater having enough rooms to have five showings might have had something to do with that though.

**JS:** I got to cut all of them because I'd had my ticket for a week.

**EW:** Nice!

**JS:** So obviously we both like the film because we read the books, but did you have anyone in your party who hadn't read them?

**EW:** I only went with one friend, and she hadn't read the books but had been told to on a number of occasions. She had been a bit put off by the cliché storyline. You know - girl meets boy, boy is a vampire, they fall in love, they have problems.

**JS:** I see.

**EW:** She was told that she needed to read the books because they're really, really good reads. She liked the movie a lot, although she's not a big fan of the idea of two people being together forever. And she's currently borrowing my copy of "Twilight."

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## Talk of gun ban gets enthusiasts fired up over issue

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Burglars better start thinking twice before they decide to barge into houses anytime soon - because now more than ever they may encounter a barrel sticking at them.

After Barack Obama was chosen to be the 44th president on Nov. 4, gun sales skyrocketed nationwide due to a fear in consumers that the Democrat will put into effect more stringent codes when it comes to gun control.

Kevin Starrett, executive director of Oregon Firearms Federation, a pro-gun lobby, is one of the citizens worried that under Obama, gun control is going to become far more invasive in the near future.

"His history has proven he is an enemy of gun owners," Kevin Starrett. "He's opposed to peoples' rights and that's a dangerous thing."

One local gun shop employee said, "guns are the stars of our economy right now." It would seem like he is not far off. Many gun shops were unavailable to comment for *The Print* due to how busy they were, often being unable to speak for a few minutes even.

William Davey Jr., owner of Wild Bill's Guns, said within the last few weeks since the election, gun sales have jumped an estimated 500 percent in his shop.

Although so far no specific laws have been drawn up, many fear restrictions such as the assault weapon ban that was in effect during the Clinton administration might resurface, or that the tax on ammo might go up.

According to Davey, it doesn't seem like customers fear only a ban on semiautomatic assault rifles.

"What we're hearing is (customers) are afraid of not being able to buy guns or ammo in the future," Davey said.

Liz Bishop-Goldsmith, human resources director and founder of Mothers Against Guns, sees the recent influx of gun sales as unnecessary and absurd.

"I think it's totally ridiculous. Everyone's stocking up on armor. What are they afraid of?" Bishop-Goldsmith said.

Bishop-Goldsmith says she has "no problem with bearing arms as long as they are legal and law abiding." However, she feels that nearly anyone can get a gun, and stricter laws need to be put in place to prevent the violence

she feels follows.

"We've had enough problems with gun violence in this country over the last few decades," Bishop-Goldsmith exclaimed. "If one person feels threatened, and another feels threatened, it's going to be a domino effect."

Students on campus feel passionate on the subject as well.

Student Loren Brown thinks that federal government should not get into such affairs as gun control.

"I think it should be restricted to the community and not federal law," Brown said.

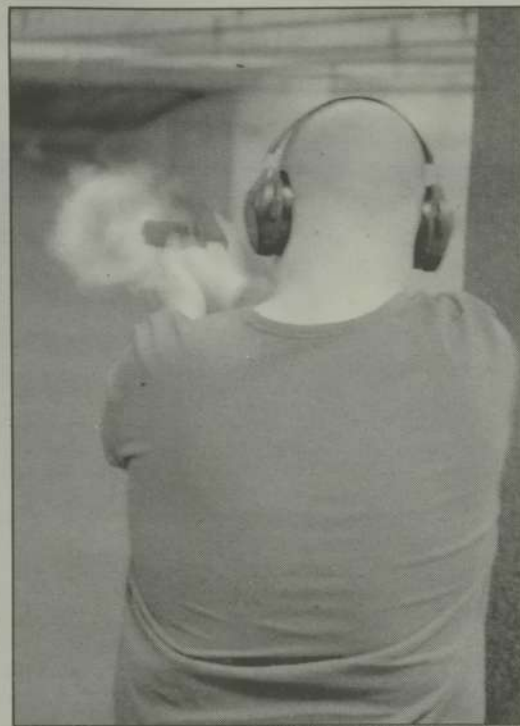
Although Brown is a supporter of citizens owning guns, he does have feelings of moderation towards the subject.

"I don't necessarily think people should be walking around with assault rifles," Brown explained.

Another student, Kate Parker, would be in favor of a ban on assault style guns.

"I think that's a really good thing; people should not have that sort of thing for themselves," Parker said.

Although she believes assault style weapons in particular should not be in the hands of the public, she still believes that our Second Amendment is important.



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A lone gunman tests his new Colt .45 at the Public Safety Training Center in Clackamas. Over the last few weeks, gun sales have skyrocketed nationwide.