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Students race for classes

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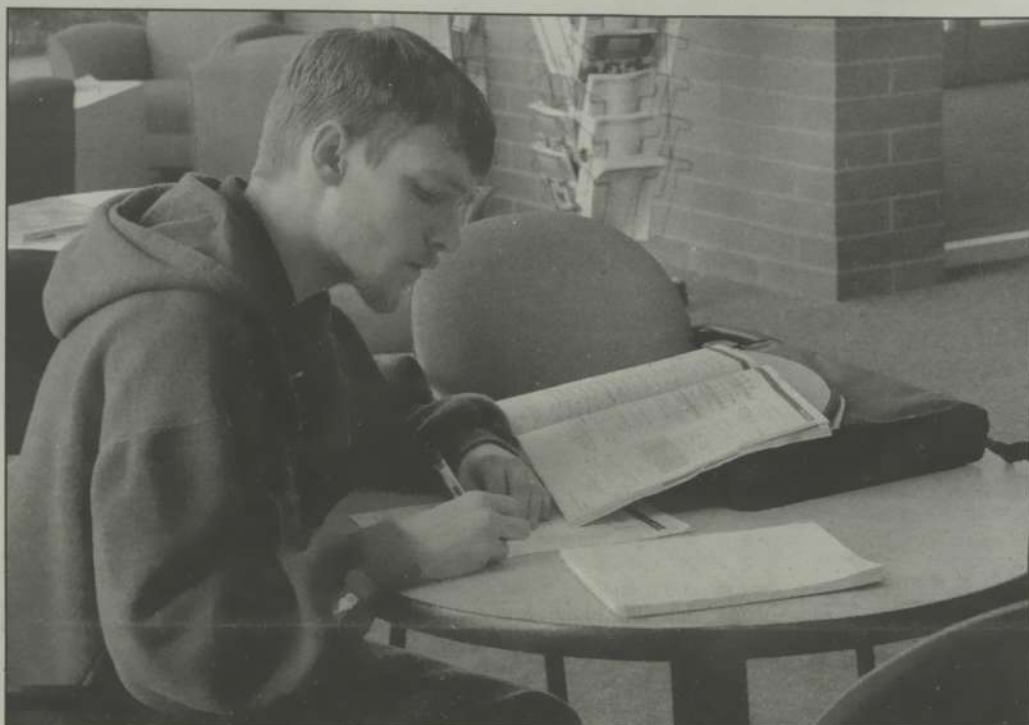
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In the same way that a coffee shop gives you that two half pump, sugar free mocha with nonfat milk and half caffeine with a dash of cream, Clackamas is trying to get you the kinds of classes you want, when you want them, and how you want them.

Clackamas is not an exception in this craze for speed and convenience that has taken over the modern world, in fact is on the forefront of this tidal wave trend.

"We try to make the classes as convenient for the students as possible," said Linda Graf an administrative assistant at the curriculum office. "We even have a class between 10 p.m. and 2 a.m. and have had classes 24 hours on campus before."

So how do they decide what to add and goes? According to the student demand plays a role in their choices. Graf stated, "We try to offer classes at different times and then see which ones seem to suit the most



Student Micheal Haugh registers for spring term classes. Clackamas has been working hard to have the most convenient class times to make up for fewer selections.

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students. The best way to get the classes you want is to go to the chair of the department or the administrators and propose a class you want."

Budget cuts have left students and staff worrying

over their spring term classes. Some teaching positions have been frozen, and some students are afraid that the budget cuts will keep them from getting the classes they need at the prices that they

can afford. But, that doesn't stop the ball from rolling forward in time, or the education process from lagging in the past.

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Warning: new fees

In order to avoid any blood curdling screams of surprise upon students return from spring break, *The Print* would like to inform the campus about a new batch of fees that will be implemented starting the beginning of spring term.

Next term tuition will be going up an additional \$5 per credit and official transcripts are increasing from \$5 to \$10 dollars.

Another change that will be implemented next term is the return of late registration fee. Any eleven week course that is added after the first week will cost the student \$50 per course.

According to Registrar Tara Sprehe, the late enrollment fee is being issued to encourage students to register for classes in a timely matter.

The fee had previously existed and was \$25.

It was later removed but the college felt that in this upcoming term it was appropriate to bring back in order to help students know what they are registered for ahead of time.

The fee will not have any effect on classes that start after the first week.

ASG unites students in fight against state funding cuts

John Hurlburt

News Editor

We fight together or we die alone; it's the slogan that gave fuel to the creation of labor unions and it is the logic that Clackamas' Associate Student Government is hoping will ease the college out of recession.

As budget forecasts grow grimmer by the minute, it is painfully obvious that something needs to be done, but what?

ASG is attempting to help answer this question by rallying students support in order to get a message across to the state legislature that community colleges are important and need funding.

The plan of action is to deliver a box full of cards signed by students to the state legislature on April 13. During this legislative session, four to six student representatives from Clackamas will be lobbying Oregon's legislature in order to get the state to add additional funds for community college support.

The box of signed endorsements for community college support will be delivered as a first aid kit for the injured economy, according to ASG adviser Mindy Brown.

Each of the cards has statistics printed on

them, which relate to how many people are being affected by community colleges.

The goal of having students sign the cards and including the statistics about those who have been influenced by community colleges is to jolt the state legislature's memory that community colleges are not only important but a dire necessity for the community and state.

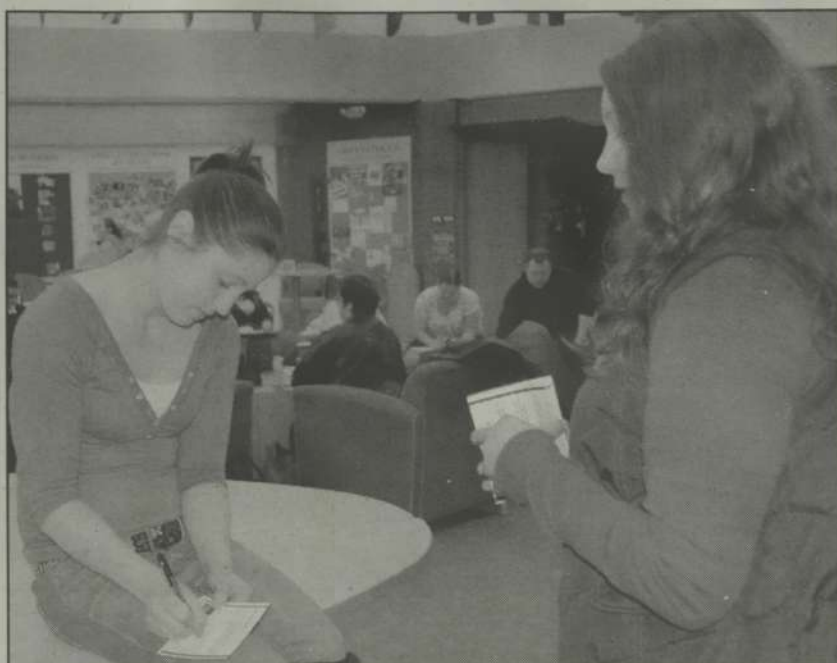
Three groups came up with the idea that community colleges need to be first responders when it comes to harsh economic climates, the Oregon Community College Association (OCCA), Oregon Student Association (OSA) and Oregon Community College Student Association (OCCSA).

Clackamas is not alone in creating a first aid kit and Brown understands this fact to be very important.

"We feel very strongly that this message needs to come from all the colleges," Brown explains.

OCCSA is organizing the student representatives. The hope is that every community college will be present in order to give strength to the message being lobbied for.

The goals of lobbying the state at the moment are at this point general. Two things that are taking high priority in this



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ASG public affairs officer Melanie Kratzer, right, waits to get a signed card back from Tiffany Frias, left. The signed cards will be delivered to Oregon's legislature.

legislative session are increased community college funding as well as increased funding for the Oregon Opportunity Grant, according to Michael Vu, ASG President.

The student representatives that are going to Salem on April 13 have not been chosen.

The OCCSA has asked for students to come who have good stories to tell about how community colleges have impacted them.

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