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Students take to the sun



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Breaking highs in April inspire Instructor Jessica Walters to hold her Psychology 101 class outside to help students overcome their lust for the sun. Good weather and the end of the school year approaching make students yearn to be outside.

Support group overcomes resistance

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Rape, it's the kind of word that could humble even the proudest of people.

In the fall term of 2008, a Clackamas student Elizabeth "Libby" Link was shocked to find out that there was no support group for rape victims on campus.

"When I got to the counseling center I hit a wall," Link recalled. "I was just basically told there wasn't enough of an outcry. And I thought, 'How could that possibly be? If one in six girls have been abused that's known about, there's more than enough girls here that would need it too.'"

When asked about Link's approach, Ellen Wolfson, a counselor at CCC, admitted, "I had told her there wasn't any groups on campus and that there were options in the community. She wasn't really interested in the options in the community and felt like they were too far from where she lived."

"There's not a [rape] support group anywhere near Oregon City," Link stated. "The nearest one is downtown [Portland] and after that St. Paul. That's too far, that's much too far."

Wolfson affirmed there are no support groups being run by the counseling department in general.

"We have offered groups in the past. People haven't come to them," said Wolfson. "So we teach classes in human development like dealing with depression or how to manage conflict or grief in loss."

Link felt that if something was going to change then she'd have to get it started. She encountered many road blocks in the fall. She began to feel defeated.

In the spring term of 2009, a member of *The Print* asked around about the community center noise complaints. Link began to feel the sparks of determination return, urging her to set up the rape support group.

"People who need the support group are getting touched at random and screaming," Link said. "It's getting not uncommon that people are having these PTSD [Post Traumatic Stress Disorder] like moments because they don't have anywhere to get help."

Mitchell Pennell, another student at Clackamas who wishes to help Link form the group, has felt ill-treated by the counseling department.

"I feel like the people in my group have been kind of harassed by the counseling department in the past, that the counselors don't really care about us," Pennell reflected. "Now whether that's true or not, I don't know."

"But, it also could be that they're not equipped to deal with rape,"

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Drafting department drop

In the face of a \$13.2 million shortfall, Clackamas cuts its well accredited program

John Hurlburt

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The future of the school's drafting department has been bleak.

As of June 30, Clackamas will no longer be one of the few remaining schools in Oregon to offer a two-year drafting degree; instead, Clackamas will be devoid of a drafting degree completely. The decision came from college administrators in the recent cuts issued to cover a \$13.2 million gap in the school's budget for the next biennium of 2010 and 2010-2011.

The loss of the department means that the six-full time members and eight part-timers will no longer have jobs at Clackamas. Around 60-70 students will also be effected by the dispersion of the department, either leaving them to finish their degrees elsewhere, or in other cases, having to switch to a different degree altogether.

"I feel like I am getting a draft," drafting student Joe Niemeyer commented. "I almost had a two-year degree and now I'm going to have to go somewhere else."

According to Drafting

Department Chair LeRoy Cook, the only other school that still offers a two-year degree in the area is Chemeketa and for many students, including Niemeyer, Salem is too far to travel.

Cook said that one of the real unfortunate parts of the drafting department getting closed down is that it takes away options from students who are limited in where they can go for a career.

"We're dealing with the 40-year-old who has a mortgage to pay and family to support, who's trying to get an education, get out and find a job," Cook explained. "For some of them, we are the last resort they have other than going on permanent unemployment."

Although the situation is bleak, a point no one argues, students have not been left to completely fend for themselves.

Elizabeth Lundy, vice president of instructional services, was one of the administrators who had to make the decision to cut the department. She said that they have been able to work with other schools and the state to be able to give students at least a handful of options when it comes to deciding, what's

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Chartwells meets the reaper this June



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Chartwells employee Brittany Kolb gives student Dmitri Golkouski his change as student Destiny Benvenuti waits.

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Chartwells is on death's door, but most students won't attend the funeral.

The school's primary food provider for the past five years, Chartwells, will be moving off campus June 30. This news comes after budgetary issues and the lack of a contract with Clackamas, which has sent them into the red.

"We're losing money, a lot of money," said Liz Ramos, the Director of Dining Services.

This shouldn't be shocking considering most students admit they prefer going off campus for their hunger needs.

"I don't want to waste my money there," said two-year student Lewis Eldrich. "The food sucks; it's not cheap, so why wouldn't I just go to Taco Bell?"

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