

Choir sings their way to Seattle

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When flowers are blooming, the sky is beautifully blue and music is in the air, we become fully aware that spring is here.

The Chamber choir recently went on an excursion to George Fox University for the American Choral Directors Association. Twelve choirs in total participated, with choirs coming from both community colleges and universities.

The ACDA gives students the opportunity to listen to choirs from universities they might want to attend.

According to Lonnie Cline, the instructor for the chamber choir, "We did just fine."

Chamber choir will also be going to Seattle in August. They will be singing for West Coast Estonian Days.

Cline also instructs mainstream vocal jazz ensemble class, which sings jazz music, jazz influenced pop, rock infusion and has a rhythm section which includes bass, guitar, drums and a saxophone player.

Unlike the mainstream, chamber choir has only a piano which is used for songs that require it.

Both choirs require an audition and work well for any music major or minor or anyone who has a vested interest in choir.

According to Cline, someone with a vested interest would be someone who is willing to do the same as music



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Full time Choir Instructor, Lonnie Cline directs the choir class during rehearsals at the Niemeyer Center. They will be performing at the XXIX annual West Coast Estonian Days in Seattle during August.

majors.

"Learn music, shut up and put up," Cline said.

Chamber choir will sing today, May 6, at 10:30 a.m. in the forum for International Day.

Mainstream jazz ensemble is hosting two jazz nights in a row May 28 and 29. Cline added that local high schools

were also being invited.

If you think choir sounds busy as it is, imagine playing the French horn, piano, guitar, and the trumpet while being actively involved in choir. That is Nathan Pricer's life.

Pricer is also the student conductor for the mainstream choir class.

He got his position when the former student conductor left and the position was vacant.

"I volunteered myself," Pricer added.

The conductor position is a step in the right direction for his future goals. Pricer is transferring to George Fox University this fall and is hop-

ing to be a high school choir director.

"I like Nathan because he understands how to sing. Not just physically, but in and is mentally prepared," said LeaAnne DenBesten, part-time music instructor. She has had Pricer for three years now.

Students say, 'There is more to work for than just money'



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Home Depot is the sixth largest employer in Oregon City, according to www.co.clackamas.or.us. The store is located on Washington St. three miles from the college.

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There is always that job people say was the worst one they have ever worked and there is always that job people loved - sometimes so much they make it into a ca-

reer. People might say a job is a job, but perhaps there is more to a job than just making money.

"Well my best job I think was a ranch hand in Wyoming I did for a summer. Just absolutely loved everything. I got to drive tractors, ride horses, work cows, lived on a 25,000

acre ranch for three months. It was just awesome. Beautiful," Joel Meyer, a Clackamas student, said.

Working on a ranch can't be easy, but it seems the hard work was worth all the effort for the experience and memories that have stayed with Meyer, a chance to see another

state and do new things. It isn't everyday most folks get a chance to fill three months with an experience that shows life through a different view.

The flipside of this tale is that Meyer's worst job was working at Home Depot in Oregon City. "I mean I made the most money, but it was pretty soulless work," Meyer replied.

Meyer feels that it was a soulless job that may have been monetarily satisfying. It had lacked the mental reassurance of having done a good day's worth of work. It may fit some people, but not Meyer. He admitted though, "I mean I liked the people I work with. I liked my bosses. I liked a lot of the stuff I did, but the whole kinda mentality of a corporate money center is kinda ... You know you wanna definitely come out on top."

It seems that money isn't just something that one looks for in a job. While some folks may be able to work for just money; it's obvious that Meyer wants more from his work than just a good flow of cash.

There are folks out there who haven't worked jobs and Natasha Graber, current Clackamas student, commented when asked only job I've ever had was waitress at a retirement home and it wasn't that bad. It had its moments when I like I just don't want to be there anymore.

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A job can be both good and bad all at once. Perhaps it's how one sets to do a job that beats attitudes on the job. Looking for things to do of doing just routine could be as well.

It seems most folks find a job that changes or perhaps just the clash with personality something. It's apparent most people a job that they seem new now then, a better choice. A change, a different perspective on the world around the new face to see or the pleasure of doing a good job is what people seem to