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## ASG elections show low student involvement at Clackamas

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The final day of Associated Student Government's (ASG) election was Friday, May 8, with results coming in Monday, May 10, with Alyssa Fava and Bailee Sanders running unopposed. Out of over 30,000 students that attend the college, only 55 votes were cast for the election.

Fava received 45 votes, with four write-ins for a different candidate and six empty votes cast. Sanders received 46 votes, with three write-ins and six empty votes cast. Last year numbers were slightly higher with a total of 258 votes for the position of ASG president. Michael Vu won the presidency last year with 220 votes and he was also running unopposed. Many students interviewed had no idea that there was an election taking place on campus, which definitely contributed to the low number of votes. Other students didn't vote for a variety of

reasons. James Daniels admitted the reason he didn't cast his ballot wasn't because he didn't care. "It's not that it doesn't matter, but they're running unopposed," Daniels said, expressing that he didn't want to pointlessly vote. Another student said she was distressed by how the elections are held. "It doesn't seem like it's that important," Erika Townsend commented. "Whoever they want to be next, will be next." Student Lisa Helvieyocum felt one of the major reasons students lose interest in ASG is because they are uninformed about what it does.

"What do they do honestly?" Helvieyocum asked with serious inquiry. "What effects do they have on us?" She wishes that ASG would work harder to inform more students on the campus about what they do to serve community interests. "The half-hour talks in the community center only reach a handful of students I'm sure," Helvieyocum said. The candidates were unavailable to comment before print deadline. Both candidates have pledged to try and increase student awareness and involvement on campus, and it looks like in students eyes, if this happens it will be welcome.

## Free-spirited family feuds

Preview for the theatre department's upcoming play

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## Homeless find refuge at Clackamas

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It's never warm when Heidi gets into her bed at night. Sometimes a tree will cover her from rain, but more often not she wakes up soaked and chilled. Cement is her mattress, an old musty sleeping bag for a blanket. The Salvation Army gave her a blanket, but her home is nowhere, it's just a place to sleep when she's away from scrutinizing and worldly pressures. The only thing Clackamas Community College means to Heidi is a place to sleep when she's no where else to go. She's been staying on this campus so long it's like I live here, Heidi said laughing. Most people could never



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Plastic bags litter a campsite used by homeless on campus.

imagine living in Heidi's world, a place where there isn't heaters and warm meals. Heidi is

homeless, a victim of a life that fell apart and can't be put back together. For the last five months Clackamas has been her home. CCC is home to many displaced people. Campus Security Officer, Pete Kandertieff, said that Clackamas is a key spot for the homeless because it's safer than most other places. According to Heidi, there are no shelters in the Oregon City area, and the county resources are slow and complicated. She unfolds the ancient, dirty sleeping bag onto hard ground, bunches up whatever rags and goods she has for a pillow, praying to get enough sleep to keep her alive. She doesn't worry about anything happening to her while she is here.

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## Campus' future green while still in the red

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Clackamas Community College is attempting to save the world, one solar panel at a time. Over the past few years, Clackamas has made strides to further its green technology and bring green life to all CCC campuses. Currently in its fourth year, the Sustainability Committee has helped generate funds for the school to "go green." The Going Green grants Clackamas received have given life to classes such as Renewable Energy Technology 200. Partnered with the Oregon Institute of Technology, RET 200 gives students a better look at green technology options used by countries around the world. Scott Giltz, dean of the Technical Career Education Division, said, "We're hoping to be able to offer a renewable energy technology program." But, he added, "It's all dependent on funding."

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