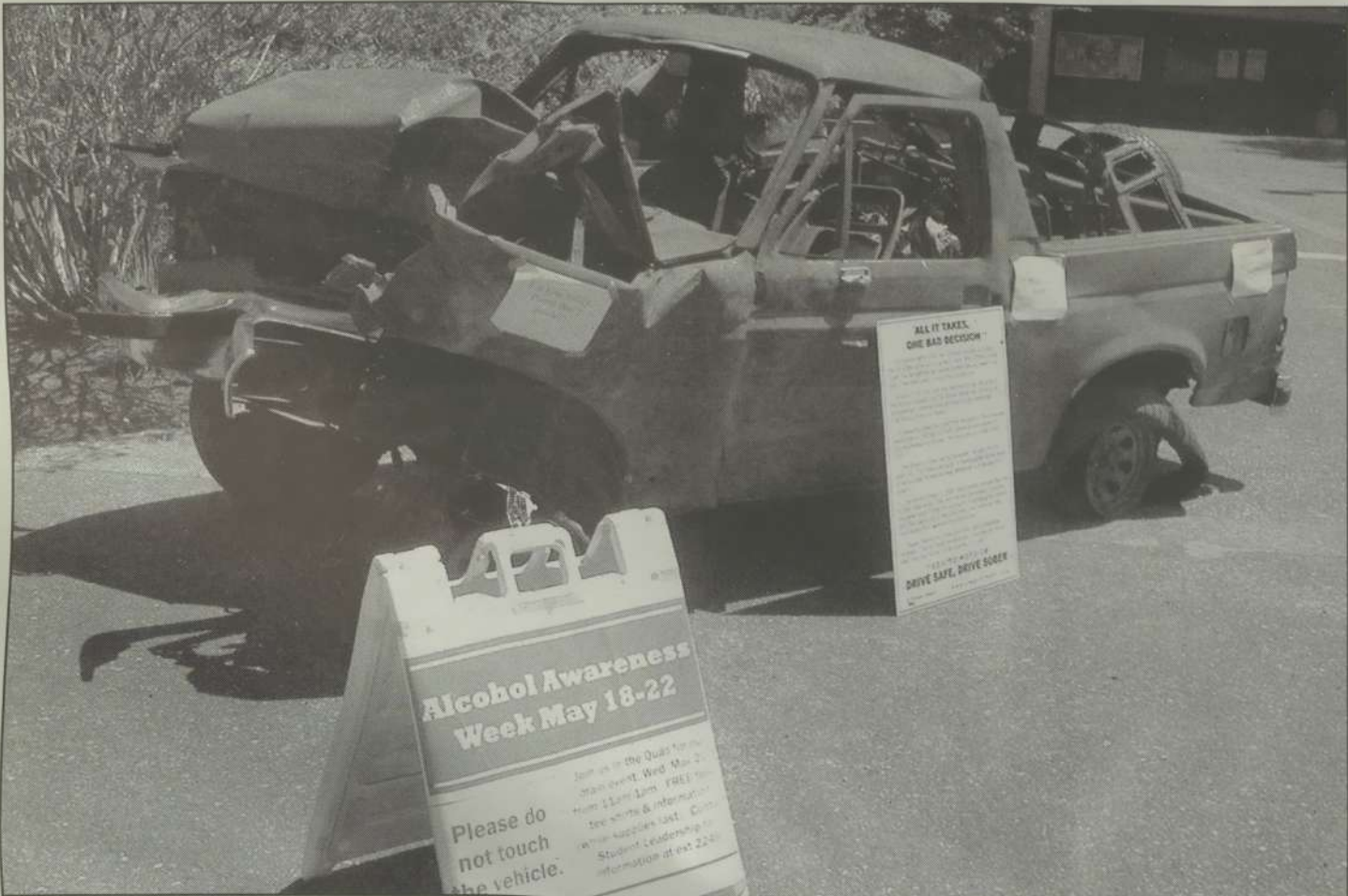


Clackamas drunk with awareness



Brad Heineke Clackamas Print

Left: Alcohol Awareness Week is May 18-22. The main event will be on Wednesday, May 20 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. outside the Community Center. There will be free BBQ, beverages, T-shirts and music. It will also have speaker activities, and a car demonstration. ASG has also been posting fliers around campus highlighting alcohol awareness facts such as:

- As of May 15, there have already been 4786 drunk driving deaths in the United States this year. As you read this note, the number of deaths caused by drunk driving has already increased.
- Half of all teenage fatalities are due to drunk driving.
- Among people age 16 or older, males are nearly twice as likely as females to drive under the influence of alcohol in the year.

Veterans receive aid for education

Mark Foster

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The Wal-Mart Foundation recently donated \$2 million to the American Council of Education to be distributed to 20 schools across the nation to help aid veterans who wish to return to school. Each school receives \$100,000 to spend over a two-year period. Of the 250 schools that applied, CCC received one of the 20 grants.

Clackamas is one of two schools in Oregon to receive one of the grants, the other being Lane Community College. Each of the 20 colleges who received a grant drew up different plans as to what they would do with that money.

According to Bill Zuelke, Dean of Student Services, the surrounding area of Clackamas County has the most veterans per capita in the state with over 35,000 veterans living there and 80 percent of them have never used the benefits available to them.

At Clackamas, there are only about 100 students who have taken advantage of the benefits offered to them for college aid.

Zuelke said, "It is the number one barrier to military people

advancing their college education."

Part of this grant will give Clackamas Community College the resources it needs to reach out to veterans who may be unaware of the benefits they are entitled to. Representatives from the college will be going out to community and local events to inform vets of what is going on.

The second part of the grant will give the college enough money to build courses for veterans who have already finished training for their specified field. Jeff Davis, an adviser for the Advising and Counseling Department, said, "The plan is to hire somebody to sit down and figure out how to translate these military training courses into college credit."

Davis also noted that a lot of the detailed and hands-on training veterans go through only transfers as general elective credit.

Zuelke estimated that approximately 65 percent of the money awarded to the school will go towards translating military work experience to college credit.

For any person who has walked past the Veteran's Center, they have probably real-

ized there is rarely anyone there. Davis said, "There is a lot of uses planned but it just hasn't kicked off yet." Due to the budget crunch, many of those plans have been squashed.

One of the hopes is that the attraction of transferrable credits for veterans will bring more vets to the Veteran's Center.

Quoting the movie *Field of Dreams*, Zuelke said, "If you build it, they will come," referring to the fact that once more veterans come to Clackamas, it will get more use. This is something Clackamas officials are especially excited about.

Currently, the only recurring use of the Veteran's Center is by the Veteran's Club. The Veteran's Club is a student club that meets twice a month, but is only a small handful of students. Zuelke said, "We think there should be a lot more veterans here and part of having the Veteran's Center is a sign of our hospitality and our interest in welcoming them by designating a very beautiful and comfortable space just for them."

At the end of the two years, all 20 schools involved will convene in Washington D.C. to discuss the successes of their programs and how it has helped veterans in their communities.

The Print wins eight awards in contest

The Clackamas Print won eight awards Friday, May 8 in the annual Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association Collegiate Newspaper Contest.

Editor in Chief Lydia Bashaw said, "It really showed our diverse talent this year. Our writers and our photographers produced some really good work that was obvious with the amount of awards we brought in this year."

Among the awards were first place honors for best editorial, best feature photo and best headline writing.

Print staff members also

won second-place awards in news writing, headlines (a sweep of this category), photography, design and the place for spot news photos.

Photography award winner and photo editor for The Print, John Shufelt said, "It's cool. Being there and receiving an award out of all the entries makes you feel like you actually did something right for once. It's wild."

Oregon college newspapers submitted a total of 21 entries in 21 categories that cover the spectrum of newspaper arts.



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