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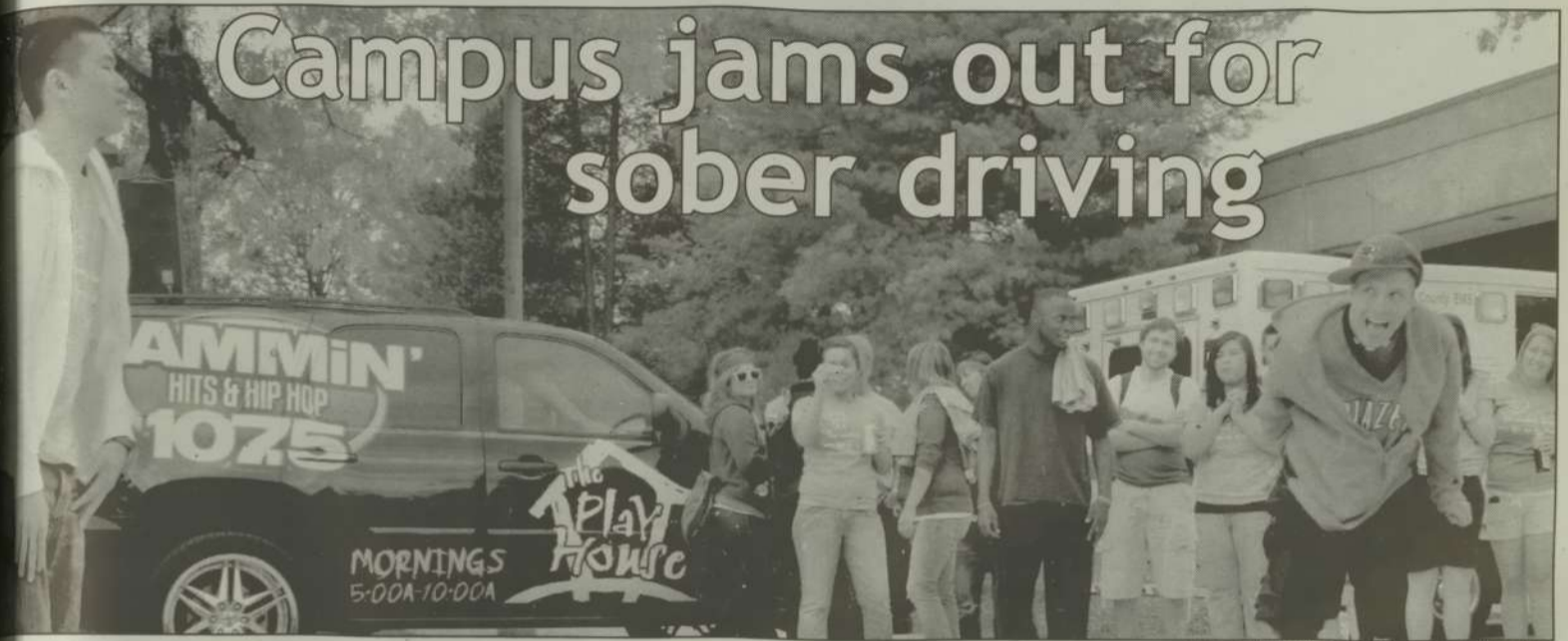
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Campus jams out for sober driving



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ASG President Michael Vu participates in a dance off with Tim Scott during the alcohol awareness event on Wednesday May 27. ASG members and students cheer them on.

Lydia Emily Bashaw

Staff Writer

The car was mangled: the front end shoved in, the windows shattered. Two girls lay crumpled in the front seats, one unconscious with terrible wounds, the other crying for help for herself. As the firefighters rushed in to examine the scene and the task of saving the two girls lives, you could hear the driver say, "It's all my fault. Oh my god. It's all my fault." The firefighters quickly cut off the roof of the car, the metal screaming as it was pulled away from the wreckage. The passenger lay motionless. "She's pretty bad," one firefighter told an EMT. The accident was the fault of both the driver and the passenger. They both needed help. To any one standing by, it would appear the passenger was already dead, her eyes closed, another unfortunate drunk driver. Sadly though, this time it was an

Kratzer, public affairs senator and main coordinator for the event. "I hope that through anything, that someone could be touched in some way."

The event was held in the Community Center quad on a rare day of spring sunshine, with music from Jammin' 107.5. Several students danced, and there was even an impromptu dance off between ASG President Michael Vu and students Tim Scott and Jake Larson.

ASG served a free barbecue with hot dogs, chips and drinks.

They also handed out T-shirts. According to Kratzer, the barbecue and shirts were a big hit, with nothing left by the end of the day.

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Wednesday, May 20, the Clackamas Associated Student Government held an Alcohol Awareness event including a reenactment of a drunken driving crash using two of their own members, Annika Fitzsimmons and Cassandra Richards. The annual event brought in at least 500 students to educate them on the dangers of alcohol related accidents. "We have one main message: to show the dangers of drunk driving," said Melanie



ASG members Annika Fitzsimmons and Cassandra Richards reenact a gruesome crash for students last Wednesday.

Higher headcount hits Harmony

Mark Foster

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The ever-growing Clackamas Community College is expanding again. Since 2008, the Harmony campus' new building has been getting its fair share of use since its conception. Enrollment during student use has seen unprecedented increases. From the spring term 2007 to spring term 2009, the campus has seen an increase in enrollment of 300 percent. In spring 2007, 1,784 students who attended classes on the Harmony Campus would building re-registered 639 times. The 1,784 students currently use the campus have re-registered over 3,000 times. "Because there was already an established presence of the hospital and hospitals nearby, school officials found it plausible to use the campus for healthcare related studies. With multiple hospitals around the campus expanding, this site seemed to make the most sense for expansion on the part of CCC."

Budget shows signs of hope

John Hurlburt

News Editor

The state's budget forecast is in and its starting to look like Clackamas will be able to weather the financial drought even if it ends up as withered as a concentration camp survivor.

The school's state funding dollar amount for the next biennium was released by Oregon's Legislature May 15 two days after the school had released its own budget with a number that they had previously estimated they would receive from the government.

Clackamas had expected that the state would give \$430 million to community colleges throughout Oregon. This would leave the school with a \$14.4 million piece of the state's junior college pie.

The final sum differed from what the college had planned and hoped to receive and now lower level colleges throughout the state will be dividing up a slightly smaller budget of \$423 million.

The new number leaves CCC with about \$830,000 less than it was counting on originally, according to Courtney Wilton, vice president of college services.

"There's a decent chance we can make up that gap," Wilton said adding importantly, "We aren't at the moment looking to cut more."

Wilton is very much a strait shooter. Many deans and administrators on campus try spin an answer in order to form a positive outlook, Wilton understands the reality of what's going on and is willing to talk about it without tripping up his speech with rhetoric.

In my interview with Courtney he talked about no cuts being planned in the present, but that the future holds many possibilities and challenges not all of which are remotely pleasant.

"We still have some long run issues," Wilton commented.

Right now the college's budget resembles a tight-

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