

Year in review from smoking to Vu

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Like all of the students attend the college, nothing at Clackamas is the same as it was last year, for better or for worse. Clackamas Community College people in it have faced a

lot, changed a lot and overcome a lot throughout the last school year.

CCC has seen record enrollments while at the same time suffered devastating budget cuts.

Some faculty and staff have lost their jobs, and more have retired.

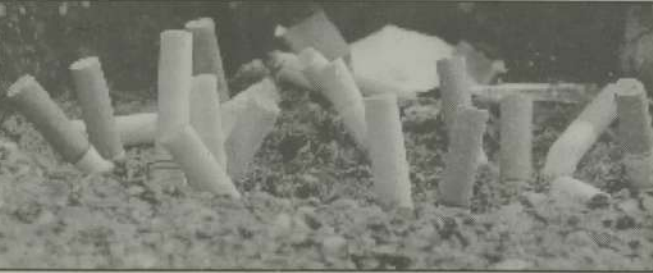
A new president has been elected for our nation, one that ran under campaign promises of

change.

All of this has happened while the nations of the world have been suffering one of the hardest hitting international recessions in history.

In the spirit of the last year, we at *The Print* felt it was important to recap the important events that have been covered within our paper in the 2008-2009 school year.

Smoking Ban: Students coming after summer term 2008 would notice one major change at Clackamas. Effective Sept. 15, 2008, smoking on campus except in the designated areas was put to an end. The ban was proven hard on some but in the end most smokers adapted to the new policy.



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First Rounds of Budget Cuts: A state revenue shortfall caused the school to cut \$456,000 in early December. The cuts were mostly made up for by department fee funds. However, due to the cuts, as winter term started, a hiring freeze was placed in effect which meant no unnecessary staff or faculty would be taken in by the college. Little did anyone know this shortfall was only the tip of the iceberg. A Titanic sized budget cut was on its way.

Titanic Cut Sunk College's Budget: Clackamas had hoped to end the cuts after experiencing the first \$456,000 in midyear cuts. However, the college was forced to make \$13.2 million in cuts over the next two years. The second round left lasting damages. On Mar. 12, it was announced that 20 full-time faculty and staff members would be laid off, Clackamas' draft department would be completely cut and tuition would increase \$10 each credit hour in 2009. Courtney Wilton later warned that this may not be the last budget slash Clackamas has to make. At the moment no more are being planned.



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Veterans Center Opens: The college opened Clackamas County's first Veterans Center in January. The center was meant to give veterans a space to work and socialize as well as find out about what benefits they are entitled to. However, the space has been infrequently used aside from twice monthly meetings from the Veterans Club. Some veterans blame the lack of use on how the center has been managed.



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ASG Transparency Questioned: Clackamas' Associated Student Government (ASG) raised more than a few eyebrows in late October and early November when they claimed to be exempt from Oregon Public Meeting Laws. One student Allen Paige summarized his feelings by saying "We have a transparent government system for a reason." Although at the time ASG representatives, as well as their lawyer, said they had done nothing wrong, Bailee Sanders, ASG vice president elect stated in a Q&A from the May 6 Issue of *The Print* that she wanted to modify their constitution and make their organization more transparent.

ASG Lobbies: In early March ASG launched its first student involved lobbying campaign of the year in order to encourage the Oregon state legislature to supply community college's with increased funding. ASG had students fill out "first response" cards and then delivered a box full of the signed messages to the legislature during their lobbying trip to Salem. Later, during CCC's Community Fair, ASG organized a phone campaign where they urged students to call Sen. Richard Devlin and asked him to vote for an increase in the state's junior colleges funding.

ASG Election: Candidates Alyssa Fava, for president, and Bailee Sanders, for vice president, ran unopposed in this year's ASG election. Their victories were announced on May 8. The election showed how Clackamas' student involvement has dropped within recent years.



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The New Harmony Campus: Harmony campus' new building opened its doors officially during the summer of 2008. The construct later had its grand opening Sept. 27 of the same year. It replaced the old building on campus which was showing its age and gave a new, more technologically advanced home to CCC's Nursing and Allied health programs. The completion was only phase one in a plan to build up the size and scope of Harmony campus.



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New President: Barack Obama was inaugurated as 44th president of the United States of America on Jan. 21, running on a campaign promise to bring the country "hope" and "change." We will see if he lives up to his promises over the next four years.



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Basketball Team Triumphs: On March 8 the Cougar's men's basketball team takes first place at the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges (NWAACC) Championship. They beat Lower Columbia in double overtime with a score of 71-69.

Bethanie Adamson: The former ASG member died at age 22. Clackamas mourned the loss of Bethanie Adamson who was involved in fatal alcohol related auto collision on March 28. The driver, Nicholas Ray Lunde was taken into custody and charged with second degree manslaughter.



ASG Underage Drinking: On Feb. 4 *The Print* published a story about pictures which showed some underage members of ASG drinking alcohol at a party off campus. No sanctions were brought against those in the photographs by the college. Current ASG president elect Alyssa Fava and vice president elect Bailee Sanders were both present drinking in the photos. During a Q&A that was published in the May 6 edition of *The Print*, Fava stated, "I didn't realize my responsibility to Clackamas didn't end when you leave... for me that was a great learning experience, but it was also a hard one as well."

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