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Registration bogs down CougarTrax

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Registration began Monday night and was brought to a screeching halt when the online system crashed at roughly 12:02 a.m. Kelsey King started looking online around 11:30 p.m. for her classes. At exactly midnight she said the server shut down and she had been trying all day Tuesday and hadn't been getting the same messages. "The Web site went down right at 12 last night and wouldn't let me access anything in myClackamas. Everything else on the Web site worked still," student Garret Grimm said.

Dean Walch, Web site coordinator, Information Technology Services, was too busy to comment on Tuesday because he was working on the portal.

"They are very close to fixing it," Janet Paulson, marketing/media specialist, said Tuesday afternoon.

According to Chippi Bello, enrollment service operation manager, the system has been working on and off and ITS was investigating the problems.

"Last night at midnight, the home page wouldn't load for the longest time," Timothy Chu said Tuesday afternoon in an e-mail. "From about 12:30 a.m. to 6:30 a.m. when I tried, I couldn't get on (none of the links worked). I kept getting the message, 'Could not log in to Web Advisor: Send Failure.' Now I'm getting this message, 'Could not log in to Web Advisor: EnvDMICConnection:

connect: IO Exception-java.net.' My friend Garrett managed to register within like a five minute window earlier. It's pissing me off, I want to register for winter term."

Students wanted to register early this term due to classes filling up quickly during fall term.

Bello said students have been patient waiting in the long registration lines. However, walking in to Roger Rook, it was easy to see that students were on edge and frustrated with the system being down.

Tracy Helling tried registering right at midnight and had been trying ever since. She says she has tried somewhere around 20 times.

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Waiting out the doors, lines for winter term registration formed at Roger Rook all Tuesday Nov. 17 after CougarTrax servers failed. Anxiety and frustration prominent among students as the wait lasted throughout the day.



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Schrader speaks to students at CCC

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Kurt Schrader arrived at Clackamas wearing jeans, a sport coat, dress shirt and cowboy boots. Leaning on a table, he looked around and said, "This is just 'ask questions, right? I have no big spiel to sell 'ya.'" Immediately Schrader made the whole room at ease and kept it that way even when he came under fire from a student worried about congressional spending, demanding that Schrader tell him what he was doing to fix it.

Schrader is one of five Oregon congressional representatives in the House of Representatives and represents the fifth district of Oregon, which includes Clackamas. He is a new member of Congress and has been on the job for about a year now. Schrader was originally a veterinarian and hails from Canby. He became a representative after being involved with the Oregon legislature for 10 years, and his wife is still involved with the Oregon Legislature.

Schrader visited CCC and spoke in the community center on Nov. 10 from 11 to 11:30 a.m. where he opened up the floor to questions from students and faculty of Clackamas.

When talking about the most important issue, the current American economy, Schrader focused on the development of small business and said that on a positive note other nations still have confidence in the U.S. dollar.

"The Chinese still think we're the best bet in town," Schrader remarked.

Schrader said he is a "conservative democrat" and gravitates towards budget issues. Schrader serves on three committees in the House: The small business committee, the agriculture committee (he has a 60 acre farm in Canby) and the budget committee. Schrader also chairs the tax and finance subcommittee.

As far as his position on the current issue with health-

care, Schrader said he supports the bill (that just passed the House two weeks ago), the Affordable Healthcare for America Act. He encouraged students to go online and read the bill in sections, rather than attempting to read the 2,000 page document in its entirety. Schrader admitted that even he has staff to help him sort through the bill and added that he was once advised, "if you agree with 60 percent of a bill, you vote yes."

When asked about his most recent bill H.R. 3854, the Small Business Financing and Investment Act of 2009, which is estimated to create \$44 billion in new lending for small businesses, Schrader said that the bill came out of committee two weeks ago. He went on to say, "It's a bipartisan bill, and there were no descending votes on the House floor, which is a rarity these days."

"I think most people recognize good basic support for small businesses," said Schrader. The bill makes it easier for small business to survive the economy and get money to survive the economy, he said.

Furthermore, on his Small Business Financing Act, it states on Schrader's Web site, "We're starting to see some real signs of economic recovery but so far small businesses have been left behind because of the lack of available credit."

"As a small business owner I understand how critical credit is for companies to get the loans they need to make payroll and expand their businesses. This bill incentives lending, reduces bureaucratic red tape and increases the size of SBA loans to loosen the credit markets and get capital back into the hands of Oregon's job creators; small businesses."

Before leaving the Community Center and making his way to the new Veterans' Center, Schrader shook hands with and was genuine in thanking students and staff for their questions.

Representative Kurt Schrader answers students questions in a community center on Nov. 10.