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CCC vets honored with new center

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Everybody who is anybody
Clackamas was at the bus-
y morning event. The
was out the door and

even up the stairs.

Tuesday Nov. 18 was the grand opening of Clackamas Community College's VET (Veterans Education and Training) Center.

The ceremony began with a prayer from Chaplain Terry

Schrick, where he thanked veterans for their service as well as set the touching tone for the ceremony.

CCC President, Joanne Truesdell, then started off introductions with someone who has been a "tireless advocate for the cause," Darlene Hooley, a former member of the House of Representatives from Oregon's fifth district.

Hooley began the process of CCC being awarded a grant of \$381,000. The award is for increasing outreach for veterans in the area.

"This is tremendously important," Hooley said.

Hooley then explained how the VET Center is an opportunity for the college to be an example and set a standard for others to follow.

"I want to thank all those who have served. I can't tell you how much I appreciate it. Thank you from the bottom of my heart," Hooley stated.

Many people were involved in the process, including the Board of Education and the Oregon National Guard Reintegration Program.

Col. Scot McCrae, director of the reintegration program said it began with the team asking themselves what needed to be done and how they could do it.

McCrae described being busy mobilizing soldiers and having very little time but finding help in Hooley.

McCrae explained how the VET Center would be a great way for CCC to support the veterans in the community, not only through directing veterans to their resources but also by helping them deter-



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mine a career path and helping them apply their military experience to a career.

Truesdell introduced the new Veteran's Affair Coordinator.

"He is one of those individuals I like to have at Clackamas," Truesdell said about Greg Myers, the new

coordinator.

When asked about what the full-time job of Veteran's Affair Coordinator means, Myers said "Helping vets, reaching out and supporting them."

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Debate on measures 66 and 67 sparks students' opinions

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These corporations stay in Oregon for one reason, our low taxes," Chris Porterfield said.

The Associated Student Government sponsored event on Nov. 24, students debated the effects of Measures 66 and 67 which will be voted on in January.

Porterfield and James Koch were debating on the side against the measures. On the opposing side were Wray Price and Payton.

Porterfield also said that by voting for this measure we risk major corporations such as Walmart.

Porterfield also asked the audience how they would feel knowing these measures would affect all corporations in three years. He claimed passing these measures is tax discrimination.

In the pro side response, Price, the most visibly passionate of those debating, argued that the tax system is already discriminating.

"They say by increasing we are favoring, but really by not doing so, we are favoring the wealthy," Price said.

Price also informed the audience that the state is not currently required to fund community colleges and that nothing keeps the state from cutting community colleges.

Price reaffirmed that by voting "yes" means voting for the future.

James Koch argued that measures 66 and 67 are not the best solution.

"Taxing the wealthy is unfair and unequal," Koch said. Koch also argued these measures would cost jobs as business would leave Oregon, claiming that in the long run, passing this measure will only hurt Oregon.

Political Science instructor Dean Darris also spoke and agreed

with the pro side. Darris believes that the tax system is unconstitutional and it is most important to be educated citizen and even quoted Hitler saying, "It is a leader's good fortune when their people do not think."

Student Sean Huggins, who was at the debate, is going to vote "yes" on the measures.

"The 'yes' side owned the 'no' side," Huggins said, claiming the "no" side had no facts.

Colin Mearthy is going to vote 'yes' as well. He said he wanted more interaction in the debate between the debaters and believes that the measures will address the deficit and will impact more large businesses than small.

"They made a good point; it makes more sense to vote yes from what I understand," Clackamas student Dillin Homsley said.

Kerrie Hughes, speech and debate instructor, believes that students will vote "depending on where their values and morals fall."