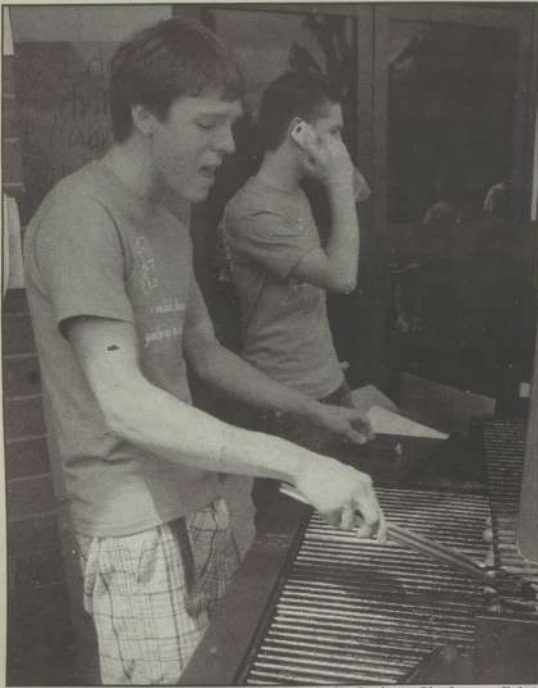


ASG food expenses surprisingly low



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It's something you've probably noticed; ASG is constantly hosting events that involve free

food for the students at Clackamas. In the past students experienced barbecues, lunches and breakfasts simply provided for us at no cost.

"Student government specifically sponsors events that coincide with

our mission of 'Students Serving Students,'" said ASG President Alyssa Fava.

So far this term there has been the cookies and cider given out during midterms, a free breakfast two weeks ago and most recently the Great American Smokeout; all in the last eight weeks of fall term and all sponsored by Student Government.

So just how much does ASG spend on food?

Advisor Mindy Brown said a lot of the food is actually donated by organizations and what is not donated is then taken out of ASG's budget.

The cider and cookies cost around \$40, Fava estimated, and the free breakfast was sponsored by Student Activities, which is a separate budget from ASG. The money for the turkey sandwiches at the Great American Smokeout event were donated by the American Lung Association of Oregon.

Although ASG seems to have a large budget strictly for food provided

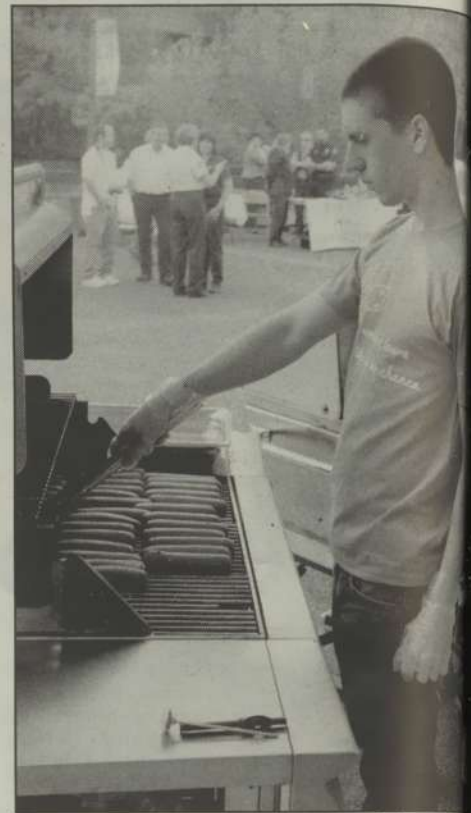
to students at events, in reality they have spent under \$50 on food.

"Donations are something that ASG often pursues, as many local businesses appreciate the opportunity to help out and get their name out on campus," said Fava.

She added, "Donations are requested for multiple events and are often the first avenue pursued by our team before we consider spending anything within our budget."

Fava also explained that the money that funds some of their activities is taken out of ASG's fundraised dollars for education. The campus barbecues are more of a turn around fund and money made from them goes back into the restocking of the food sold.

Basically, all the funds that are used to put on the barbecues are made right back. "Donations, donations, donations," said Fava. Possibly the mantra of ASG.



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ABOVE: David Calhoun grills hot dogs at an ASG sponsored event last spring. UPPER LEFT: Greg Robertson sings while cooking during alcohol awareness week last spring.

VETERAN: official grand opening of VET Center Nov. 1

Although, Myers was unsure what the job meant on a daily basis as he had only been on the clock for a mere 30 minutes at the time of the grand opening.

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Vice President of Veterans Club

Myers is himself a veteran, having served in the Marines for 14 years, and is aware of the community college atmosphere as he went to Linn-Benton Community College. He described this job as being a great fit for him.

Clackamas' students' Vet club vice president Shauna Drexel also spoke at the ceremony.

"I'm very excited for what this means. We can get resources out to the people who need them," Drexel said.

Janet Paulson described the VET Center as a place "designed to support veterans and active military in the Portland metro area, as well, as spouses and family members through providing information about education and training opportunities and critical community resources. College staff specializing in veterans affairs will be available to assist veterans in the center."

Drexel also described an effort the Vet club is making to support veterans. The club is raffling a Build-a-Bear with the proceeds going to a \$200 book voucher for veterans.

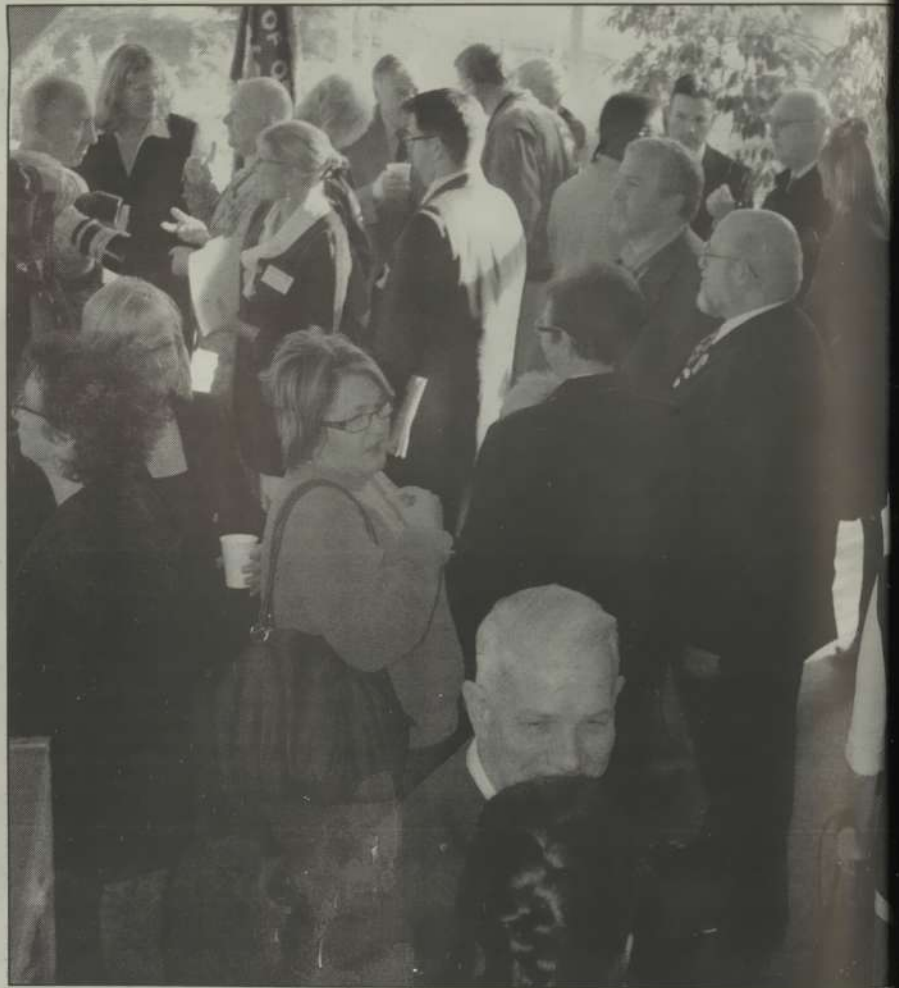
Towards the end of the ceremony, Truesdell asked all the veterans in the room to introduce themselves.

"You're the most important," Truesdell said.

The introductions continued out the door and room was cleared for vets to walk up and introduce themselves, due to the room being packed.

Nikki Constantin described her experience being in the Vet club, saying, "It brings us all together. We can discuss issues that might be exclusive to vets."

However, the Vet club is not exclusive and is opening to anyone with the desire to join.



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