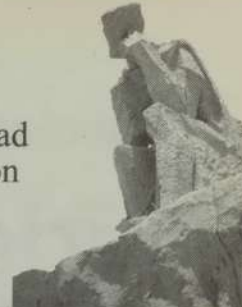




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You have ever gone bowling with a typewriter ball, you know they can be pretty heavy. Now imagine to toss down those aisles. Now imagine to throw this 16 pound behemoth as you can, and your competitors can throw as 50 feet. This is the sport of shot put, the three events Anthony Lantz, an athlete student here at Clackamas Community College competes in, and he is doing very well. Discus throw is a competition where the thrower throws a heavy disc as far as possible. It has been around for thousands of years. For the hammer throw, the competitor's objective is to throw a heavy ball attached to a metal wire as far as possible. Lantz is currently in the NWAACC, Northwest Association of Community Colleges, holds third place in the discus throw at 117 feet, second in both shotput at just over 50 feet and the hammer throw at 171 feet. Lantz is a sophomore at CCC and before coming here, he went to school at the University of the Siskiyous in Weed, Calif. and played football and track and field athlete there. Lantz dropped out early. Lantz also participated track and field in high school. Prior to coming back to college last year, Lantz had not done any track and field for about three years. Last year he was not on the track and field team and just spent the year practicing.

Student info gets stolen

By Joshua Baird
The Clackamas Print

Have you ever had that dream where you walked into class and realized that you were completely naked? Not a shred of clothing to hide behind? That is how it feels when your identification information is stolen. On the weekend of March 20 through 21, the Educational Credit Management Corporation, a guarantor of federal student loans, had 3.3 million files stolen from its headquarters in Oakdale, Minn., according to a press release from the company. Included in the information that was stolen was names, addresses, dates of birth and social security numbers; fortunately, there were not any financial documents included such as credit card or bank account numbers. The Oakdale (Minn.) Police Department, who was not available for comment at the time of writing, has a suspect in custody and has recovered what ECMC believes to be all the information that was stolen. According to ECMC, the data has not been compromised. ECMC has made a deal with Experian, one of the top three credit bureaus in the U.S., to provide a one year free membership to Triple Alert, a company designed to provide subscribers with a series of alerts should anything suspicious appear on his or her credit report. The other two top credit bureaus are Equifax and TransUnion. Jeff Martin, a Clackamas Community College student and recipient of one of the letters from ECMC, said he might take part in the offer for a free membership to Triple Alert. "If everything is legit, I probably will; I've never taken a credit report in the past," he said. The first thought that most people have when something of this nature shows up in their mailbox is that they are being scammed. "I certainly questioned if it was (a scam)," said Martin.

The best way to avoid having your identity stolen is to make sure to run a yearly credit report to make sure that there isn't any suspicious activity on it. However, according to a Federal Trade Commission representative some of the best ways to prevent identity theft is to "[Not] provide your social security number to unknown people. If you are overseas, don't carry your card with you; you only need your passport, and insure that you have a proper antivirus on your computer." The FTC's website provides a number of tools available to the general public to provide options if your identity has been compromised, everything from a "frequently asked questions" section to a quiz to test your knowledge of ID theft. If you are one of the 3.3 million students that have received this letter, you should be advised that this is not a prank and that it is a very serious problem. If you have received a letter, take the steps listed to receive your free membership to Triple Alert. You can find the contact information for Experian at www.experian.com, or call them at 888-397-3742. Equifax can be contacted at www.equifax.com or at 888-202-4025. TransUnion's information can be found at www.transunion.com or by calling 800-493-2392. The Federal Trade Commission's identity theft section can be found at www.ftc.gov.



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High school wrestling coach succeeds on and off the mat, receives scholarship

By Annemarie Schulte
Arts & Culture Editor

Student athletes often get a bad rap when it comes to academics. Professors say things like "They spend more time on athletics than they do on their studies," or "They care more about their sport than their grades." However, Clackamas Community College student Noah Gordon seems to have completely ignored these stereotypes. Gordon, a wrestling coach at Rex Putnam High School and full time student at Clackamas, has recently been awarded one of PSU's top scholarships, the Oregon Laurels Transfer Scholarship, worth \$10,000. Gordon is no stranger to scholarships and hard work; with a 3.88 cumulative GPA, he won CCC's Streeter Scholarship last year. "He's not just a bookworm. He's also an athlete and a [wrestling] coach and a returning student who came here to better himself ..." stated CCC English instructor Dave Mount in an e-mail, who has had Gordon as a student three times and wrote him a letter of recommendation for the Laurels Scholarship.

Gordon graduated from Rex Putnam High School in 2005 and then took a break for three years and worked. He worked at Olsen Brothers Tire Factory in Milwaukie, where he continues to work today. "He's well rounded, very 'real' and very, very sharp," Mount stated. When asked what his impression of Gordon as a student in his online classes, Mount said, "He was one of the students who was clearly a leader." Gordon works early in the mornings and credits his ability to go to school and work at the same time to his "great" boss who works around his schedule. Gordon uses every break in time, he says, to either nap or do homework. "Everyday it's like, wake up at 4:30, go to work, go to class, soon as I get out of class go to wrestling practice, get home and do a little homework." Gordon's favorite class at CCC was Dave Mount's online mystery fiction class, because he loves Sherlock Holmes, whom his dad introduced him to. Gordon also enjoyed Mount's English literature class.

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In his 10 a.m. Monday morning Spanish class, Noah reviews recent homework.