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## Shooter has colleges aware

In wake of former Pima Community College student Jared Loughner's Arizona shooting, colleges have been rethinking their campus safety; Clackamas is no different when it comes to reviewing how to deal with students of concern.

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On Jan. 8 Jared Loughner allegedly killed six people and injured 13 at an event called "Congress at your corner." Of those injured was U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords and those killed includes a federal judge and a 9-year-old girl.

As time has passed since the shooting, more details have emerged about Loughner. He was a student at Pima Community College until he was asked to leave the school because of erratic behavior. He was told he could return if he sought out the care of a psychologist and that said psychologist deemed him stable enough to return to the school.

Loughner's case may be stirring up questions for community colleges around the nation. However, for Clackamas Community College it is not a new subject. In 2008, a student Benjamin Caldwell, was asked to leave campus because he publicly posted on MySpace that he wanted to shoot people on campus. It was known that Caldwell had a concealed weapon license. Caldwell was placed on a legal hold and was asked not to return to campus. As a result, Caldwell lost his weapon license. He was not available for comment.

The college does have a system in place should a student become a risk to campus safety. According to Ellen Wolfson,

the department chair of counseling and advising here at Clackamas, the process has been in place for about 10 years. If a teacher has concerns about a student, he or she will discuss this with their department chair or call one of the school's counselors.

After this, a risk assessment team is called in. The team includes: the dean of Academic Foundations and Connections, a counselor, the dean from the department of criminal justice, a member of the nursing faculty, and a liaison from Clackamas mental health.

"We do encourage teachers to work with the student on their own if they feel comfortable," said Wolfson. It is situations when that is not possible that the threat assessment team is called in.

The team determines whether the student can stay in school or not based on whether or not that student may be a risk to campus safety. They discuss the issues at hand and offer whatever help is deemed necessary for the situation. If the student is asked to leave campus they discuss at what point the student would be allowed to come back.

According to Tim Pantages, another counselor on campus who also teaches classes relating to mental health, the way to recognize if someone is a concern is by identifying whether or not there has been a dramatic change in their personalities, if they begin to talk about suicide or homicide and have a distinct plan and access to weapons.

"The people who will notice these changes will be those closest to the person," said Pantages.

When asked whether the student's right to privacy or the campus' safety was more important Pantages said, "As a counselor I tend to lean more towards patient rights and confidentiality." Pantages said he valued telling the appropriate people about certain concerns on campus but not necessarily telling the details, giving the example that it might be okay to tell a teacher that a student should not be allowed on campus and they are to call authorities if they see the student but the teacher doesn't need to know why the student is a concern.

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## From US to Europe, former Clackamas student becomes nanny

By Abigail Neet  
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Before October, I had never been outside of the US. I had never been to Canada or Mexico, and I hadn't seen very much of either. I had primarily stayed in the bubble of Oregon.

I always wanted to travel but I never had the chance. Last summer I decided to take matters into my own hands when I chose to become an au pair.

For those of you who do not know, an au pair is a woman, with duties ranging from driving kids to school, cleaning up a bit after the kids (although not since most people have cleaners) and making dinner for the kids.

I was pretty well qualified for the job. All I really had to do is tell the families that I have nine siblings and 12 nieces and nephews and they assume I know what I am doing.

I was selected to a few different families from many different places in Europe, mainly Denmark, France and Germany. I liked one family above all and as it turns out they felt the same way about me. I left the place I have lived for 19 years behind me and moved to Geneva, Switzerland at 7 a.m. Oct. 4.

I couldn't sleep at all on the plane. My mind was racing and as I tried to get myself to accept this new reality: I was moving to Europe. Sometimes I don't even realize it.

I am now working as an au pair for a British family with four children living in Geneva. It is a very good job and I am very happy with the family I have here. But Geneva is very, very different from Portland, so I have needed to make some adjustments.

The only thing Geneva has in common with Portland is the climate (though it rains much less here) and the scenery; it is green and mountainous, since Geneva is at the foot of the Alps.

The differences are plentiful. People seem to have a different mentality here; I think it is because they all are obscenely wealthy. Almost everyone I meet works in the finance industry and has multiple homes and Louis Vuitton bags. It's very different from the Northwest hiking and biking scene.

American brands are also more expensive here. Starbucks costs \$8 and McDonald's costs triple the price it does at home. I have to be honest though; it actually does taste better and has a much classier vibe. On the positive side, Geneva is beautiful. It is located on Lake Geneva, which has the most beautiful coloring, unlike bodies of water at home. The water is turquoise and clear and usually has a good number of very large and beautiful swans swimming on its surface.

Geneva also has a historic old town with narrow cobblestone streets and lovely cafes where you can enjoy a strong espresso.

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