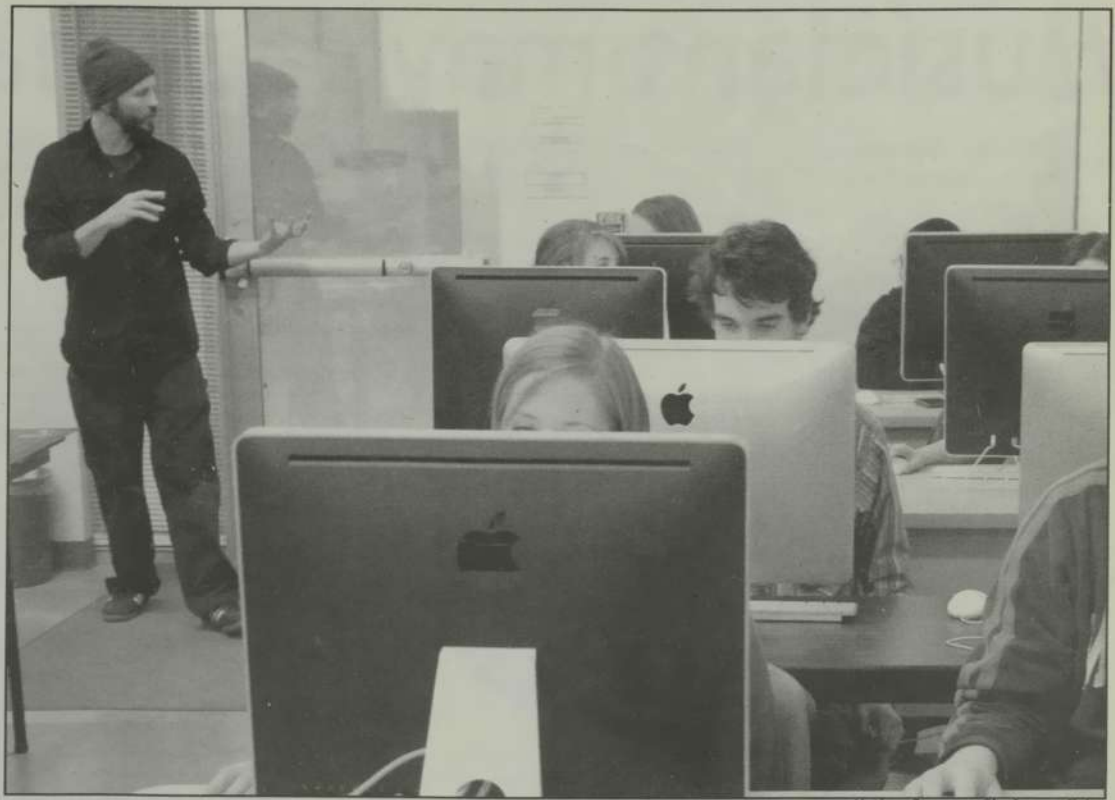


# Spring into action: race for coveted classes; sign ups begin next week

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at that time of the term again. With most mid-  
over, it is time to start dreaming of what  
to take next term. Spring registration opens  
22 for returning students and March 1 for  
students.  
ing out new classes can often be the most  
ing part of the term for students. Student  
Ochoa said she was excited to sign up for  
classes and had already decided she would take  
piano because she finished beginning  
this term. Other students pick their classes  
off their degree requirements.  
ever, if other students should find it difficult  
ide which classes to take there are ways to  
p making the decision. According to Miguel  
as, an adviser on campus, students who are  
ing to decide which courses to take can make  
ising appointment. This way, an adviser can  
u decide which classes to take based on your  
ther question that many returning students  
ave is whether or not the computer system  
il again this term. The Clackamas registra-



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Courses such as Thomas Wasson's computer graphics class tend to fill up fast. By registering early, students can be better able to reserve their spot in the core classes and electives they may want.

tion website is notorious for crashing at midnight  
the day of registration when everyone logs into their  
accounts in an attempt to get those ever-elusive  
popular classes that fill up even before the sun rises.  
In the past it has frustrated many students trying to  
register.  
"When the system is down, it needs to be  
improved," said Ochoa.  
"I would advise that students not get online  
right at 12 and instead wait 15 minutes," said Tara  
Sprehe, the Clackamas registrar. She said that  
unless a student is concerned their class will fill  
up in the first 15-20 minutes, they should just wait.  
"If the system crashes for one person it crashes for  
everybody," she said.  
According to Sprehe, the college is exploring  
new options, but if changes are made they will not  
happen until summer term. "We try not to do any-  
thing new until summer," said Sprehe. "Every time

you change something it is hard to get communica-  
tion out there."  
For students who go to register for classes only  
to find the class they want is full, there are still  
options. They can be put on the waitlist if there is a  
one for the class or show up to the class the first day  
and see if the teacher will be willing to sign them  
into the course. Also, students hoping to get in to a  
course should continue to check the website as it is  
always possible that a student may drop the class,  
leaving an open seat.  
"If the class is full, don't give up hope," said  
Cardenas.  
Whatever classes students are deciding to take  
this term, whether they need to rush to the computer  
at midnight or they can wait until the next morning,  
registration is coming up soon and it is time to start  
making that sometimes easy, sometimes difficult  
decision about what classes to take next term.

# UNREST: Board members, attendees whipped into frenzy

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board chair Richard Oathes absent, vice-  
chair Reid was in charge of the meeting, a first  
As the board prepared to leave to take a  
the call center, Tara Darris, wife of political  
instructor Dean Darris, interjected that the  
was trying to avoid an issue from the previous  
meeting.  
a concerned citizen and I was under the  
impression that this meeting was starting at 5:30  
and that we may voice our concerns for what took  
place at the last meeting. And now I'm concerned  
you're trying to avoid the situation," said Darris.  
concerned citizen that pays taxes, I want to  
share my opinion and I want it to be heard."  
Darris was trying to confront the board as to  
the specific testimony last month from student  
Brown did not appear in the minutes of the  
meeting. Brown gave testimony last month  
that he had talked to both the college administration  
and the college senate about alleged slander against  
instructors on campus. He did not specify any  
names.  
Darris continued to interrupt several times during  
the meeting and vice-chair Reid had to continually  
remind her that the citizen's comments were sched-  
uled for 6:45 p.m. After the meeting several students,  
including Tara Darris through her husband, said that they  
were appalled and disgusted with how she was treat-  
ing Reid when the board returned, Reid commented  
on the nature of the citizen's comments portion of  
the meeting.  
Darris was available for anyone who desires to speak on  
the board. To ensure consistent treat-  
ment the board requires that comments from the  
public be signed in. The form indicates that  
comments are limited to three minutes, and respect-  
ful consideration is expected for all comments and  
that personnel issues or concerns must not be  
discussed in a general public meeting," said Reid.  
Darris then altered the agenda and pushed the  
comments portion of the meeting forward.  
This portion students such as Marlo Smith

came to the defense of Darris, demanding an apol-  
ogy from Reid and warning that the board's behavior  
threatened their position.  
"Many of you on the board and in the audience  
were responding to her in a manner that is highly  
disrespectful to a member of your community," said  
Smith. "And if that is how you want to conduct  
yourselves in the presence of someone who has a  
grievance, then we are going to seek our grievances  
through elections. Because tonight, as I've seen, you  
don't hold us with the respect that we're due as citi-  
zens of this community."  
Board member Ron Adams addressed his feelings  
on the matter of respect. "I've been in legislature,  
I've run meetings; they tend to go to hell quickly  
if there's not mutual respect. And I guarantee that I  
will respect you at least as much as you respect me.  
So it's a two way street," he said.  
Later in the meeting the student's public display  
of disapproval further continued as student Stephanie  
Halstead came up to address unprofessional conduct  
and demanded an apology from president Truesdell.  
"When you were leaving for your tour I was speak-  
ing from the 'peanut gallery,' and ... you decided  
that an inappropriate and offensive hand gesture was  
the way you would like to respond to me speaking,  
particularly when you flipped me off. I am wonder-  
ing, is that something you do often?"  
Truesdell said that she was "taken aback" by the  
comment and denied the allegation both during and  
after the meeting.  
The meeting was not all about addressing the  
character flaws of others, though. Robert Brown, a  
veteran and CCC student, asked the board how much  
debt the school has from previous bonds and loans,  
how much of the \$130 million bond is for infrastruc-  
ture upgrades and why and for what the college has  
earmarked \$20 million of the bond.  
"It's important to understand whether you have  
other bonds in place because that means we have a  
debt from previous years that's unpaid, and now you  
want to saddle us with another \$130 million," said  
Brown. "If you have too many dollars that you're  
worried about, you can't worry about the student's

education. And we can't forget that our reason for  
being here as a student is not money, it's net roofs  
and things of this sort, it's classrooms."  
Brown did not receive an answer but was told that  
it would be best if he submitted a written inquiry  
so the board and the administration could prepare  
a response to accurately answer his questions. This  
response was repeated several times during the  
night, and several people asked why their questions  
were not being answered and why these meetings  
were not a place for dialogue.  
"We are not the managers of the place," said  
Adams. "We hire the managers and we let them man-  
age. If we hear something that sounds like it's not  
being managed, then we will ask why. But we're not  
going to get in a dialogue in a public forum."  
Truesdell commented that the monthly board  
meetings are business meetings and not necessarily a  
place for dialogue with the board or board individu-  
als, and that citizen comments were usually about  
the board's business.  
Reid was very surprised on how much conflict  
there suddenly was at the meeting.  
"In my four years on the board I have not encoun-  
tered anything like this," said Reid. "I've never been  
at a board meeting where there were any kinds of  
outbursts that we experienced, so it was a real chal-  
lenge to be sharing it and then having to deal with it.  
I wanted to make sure that people felt like what they  
said was respected but also knew ... what the limits  
of our abilities to comment are."  
After the meeting, Halstead and others felt that  
the board's decision to not comment on the questions  
asked was ridiculous.  
"If these people are supposed to be representing us  
and we need to go talk to their representatives to talk  
to them, I feel that is contradictory on many levels,"  
said Halstead. "If they are our representatives then  
we shouldn't have to go talk to their secretaries."  
Both sides in this meeting made it clear that they  
felt very strongly about their views, whether it be a  
need for structured, civil comments or the right to  
confront representatives directly in an open forum.