

# Harmony to double as care facility



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After the tsunami that devastated Thailand in 2004, the staff at Clackamas Community College Harmony campus started thinking about what natural disasters could do to the local community, or even worse, what would happen if hospitals were destroyed, overrun with a pandemic or faced with any other crisis. Searching for a place in the case of an emergency, Providence Milwaukie Hospital arrived at the Harmony campus and decided that its facilities were perfect for a secondary crisis site.

dents for the working world," said Janet Paulson, CCC Marketing Project Coordinator for Public Affairs.

"Harmony is a comprehensive care facility," said Scott Giltz, dean of technology health occupations and workforce division. "It has a doctor's office, dentist office, centers to draw blood, etc. It was not built with the thought of an emergency hospital; just education was in mind. There was heavy input from the medical community. Doctors, practitioners and many other medical professionals told the college what they wanted to see in the new facilities when Harmony was in construction."

In the event of a natural disaster, Clackamas Harmony would not be staff-

ing the facilities. Providence Milwaukie Hospital would be providing staff and any major supplies. The college staff and students would only be assisting in the effort.

"This is a very exciting opportunity for students to see how the health care industry works," Nursing Department Chair Barbara Cannon said.

Earlier this year, about 25 Providence representatives analyzed Harmony campus in order to determine where services will go, how many and which staff members will report in the case of a disaster as well as how many patients the campus and its surrounding area can hold. The numbers will be unique to the disaster.

"Twenty five people with hangnails can fit comfort-

ably in a room, but 25 people on respiratory machines are a different story," Giltz said.

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Dean of Technology and Health

Harmony is well placed due to the immense amount of flat land surrounding it, making it ideal for medical tents and, if needed, a good location for helicopters to land. It is the hope that in

time the Harmony campus will be able to function as a basic care clinic, providing a service to the community as well as educating its medical students. However, despite the interest and good intent, this idea is far from being implemented.

"We are definitely interested, but there are a lot of liability issues and when something like this happens it can take away from learning," said Giltz. "We want to do this sort of thing right, and that takes time."

Sometime within this calendar year, Harmony and Providence Milwaukie are expected to co-host an emergency drill. Clackamas students have been invited to critique and learn from the experience with the idea of better preparing them for entering the work force.

## Letter to the editor: Poli Sci instructor weighs in on debate

To the college community and editors:

I have a duty to respond to last week's article "Groups clash over student elections." I hope neither side of this debate sees "everything" as either right or wrong. Political science students certainly don't see "everything as wrong," and I would hope, with veterans returning from combat zones that are too fatal for non-veterans to imagine and with the economic stress we're all dealing with, that ASG would see "everything as right."

No matter; the only issue that is at stake is what we are teaching our students about citizenship and democracy. I find it deeply disturbing that at a college in America, students ... have to defend the

"rightness" of a democratic ASG. There are no good reasons for anything other than free and fair elections, period. This debate should have died on the battlefields of WWII and at the end of the Cold War. But alas, on a campus with so many combat veterans who fought for democracy abroad, we still have an ASG political structure that is at best archaic and at worst a slap in the face of those of us who have dedicated our lives to promoting democracy as the only legitimate and morally defensible form of government.

Also, it is time to thank these political science students for acting on their knowledge and dedication as they try to form a more perfect ASG. Like musicians who take music classes, artists who take

art classes and athletes who compete at the collegiate level, these politically minded individuals also want to improve their talents and knowledge in their area of interest - politics.

So from this professor, thanks to all the political science students for taking their citizenship seriously and showing the fortitude to dedicate themselves to a very rigorous education in the science of governing; special thanks to Marlo Smith for going above and beyond this high threshold.

Sincerely, Dean Darris  
Professor of Political Science

*Letter has been edited for brevity and clarity.*

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**Chuck Clemans**



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Marlo Smith's Board of Education campaign was plastered on Mcloughlin last week. Her platform of free tuition resonates with some students. Others, however, are concerned with the amount of waste her campaign created.