

Budget cuts out classified employees

By Patty Salazar
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April 18 was an eerie day for 11 classified employees here at Clackamas Community College. They each got letters that said their jobs are being eliminated because of budgetary reasons. Along with being informed that their jobs were gone, each letter gave the employee the option to take a different job on campus.

A classified employee is anyone from custodians to IT personnel, working more than 20 hours a week. There are currently 168 classified employees on campus. Starting July 1 however, there will be 166 classified employees with 11 of them being moved to different departments and if needed, being retrained. Two of those employees have been laid off.

When everything is solidified, CCC President Joanne Truesdell and Vice President of Instructional Services Elizabeth Lundy will then begin saying who is doing what and going where due to the shake-up.

Tamera Davis, who along with Lizz Rich is the co-president of the Classified Employee Association, said that she was working on trying to keep as many employees as she could and that her position was on the list to be cut. Unfortunately, Davis's own job was eliminated in this process.

Jennifer Schwartzman, the department secretary and event coordinator of Theater and Communications, is one of the 11 employees that is going to be moved on July 1.

"There is a lot that I have taken on over the years that is not really secretarial," Schwartzman said when describing what she has done since she started working for the department in 2006. "I designed and created the website for the theater department and continually update that. That piece is hopefully going to stay."



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Jennifer Schwartzman, who works at the front desk of the Niemeyer building, will be reassigned due to budget cuts. Her current tasks include scheduling classes, ordering books and selling snacks to students such as Timothy Ross.

However, Christopher Whitten, who is a theater instructor on campus, said "(The theater website) requires time, and there's not time available for that now. So to cut the position means to cut the time."

Whitten described that losing Schwartzman is like digging a hole in the sand at the ocean and when tide comes in the hole is "magically" filled with more sand. Now there is a hole that everybody is hoping for a tide to fill it, but it is not going to happen.

"It's not as though she's leaving and we are going to fill the hole with someone else," Whitten said. Although Whitten and Schwartzman said that the particular aspects of the secretarial position, such as scheduling and emails, are going to be taken care of, it's the little things that are going to be missed.

The theater department works on a "bare bone budget"

according to Schwartzman. She has helped put on programs and has also gotten students involved in OPB phone drives. Whitten said that theater students don't need volunteer hours but it's good that students see that giving back is something that needs to be done.

"(There is) very little that we do here that she isn't somehow involved in. Now to think that everything that we do will be without her involvement is tough to wrap the future around. We're going to get there because we have to, but it's not going to be the same and I'm not going to pretend that it is," Whitten, voice cracking with emotion.

Although Schwartzman is saddened by the fact that her relationship with the students that she has gotten to know over the years is going to change dramatically, she is also looking forward to learning new things and staying as positive as she can.

The Clackamas Print wins 10 awards

By Brian Baldwin
News Editor

Nothing is a more satisfying than hearing your name praised at a competition during an awards ceremony. Traveling to Linn-Benton Community College on May 6, *The Clackamas Print* won 10 awards at the Oregon Newspaper Publisher Association's Collegiate Day, including five first place awards, two second place awards (including general excellence) and three honorable mentions. At ONPA, *The Print* went up against other papers from two year colleges.

A number of staff members won personal awards, including Co-Editor-in-Chief Kayla Calloway. This is Calloway's first award in her three years on staff.

"I won my first award for honorable mention for my review of the 'Harry Potter' movie that came out in November," said Calloway. "We (also won) second place for general excellence; that was our first year in many winning that."

Web editor John Shufelt won best spot news photo for his capture of a U.S. soldier at last year's presentation on post traumatic stress disorder, ad manager Brad Heineke won best photography, Jaime Dunkle won first place for best writing and *The Print* swept the best headline category.

The staff of *The Clackamas Print* would like to thank our readers for their continued support of this publication. Hearing feedback and discussion about the paper and the topics that we cover reinforces the value of the awards that we received.

To view the complete list of awards and submissions, visit www.orenews.com/Contests/2011/cnc/.

Veterans' stories needed for project

My name is Cassandra "Casey" Curry; I am a combat veteran with the Oregon Army National Guard. I am currently working with Kate Gray, writing instructor here at CCC, and Betsy Pacheco, Director of Disability Resource Center here at CCC. The project is called "Veteran Stories" we are currently looking for veterans that would be willing to tell their stories. For more information please contact Kate Gray at kateg@clackamas.edu or 503-594-3260.

Letter: Change student government

To the college community:
As the President of the Political Science Club, I have decided to write to you directly in order to properly give you the message I've been trying to voice for some time and to correct some errors and update some information that was not given to you.

First, I would appreciate that everyone gets a chance to vote for the upcoming amendment I had started. As quoted on my posters, this amendment would change Article IV, Section IV of the ASG constitution specifically, adding this sentence: "No prior experience as a member of ASG will be required to run for the elected office of president and vice president."

This change will affect that aspect only and nullify the bylaw Section V. As described in the sentence prior, all other aspects described in the bylaws such as Section VI, which allows for a presidential appointment committee (PAC) would remain the same.

The presidential appointment committee as described in the section VI has the power to "... develop an application, screening and interview process." This ambiguous sentence is the primary reason why now believe that this ASG does not properly represent any of us at Clackamas Community College. Had I known of this section earlier I would have agreed with Marlo Smith's sentiments on the current handling of ASG.

Please make sure to vote on the amendment from May 25 to May 26.

- Christopher Thomson
President of the Political Science Club

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