

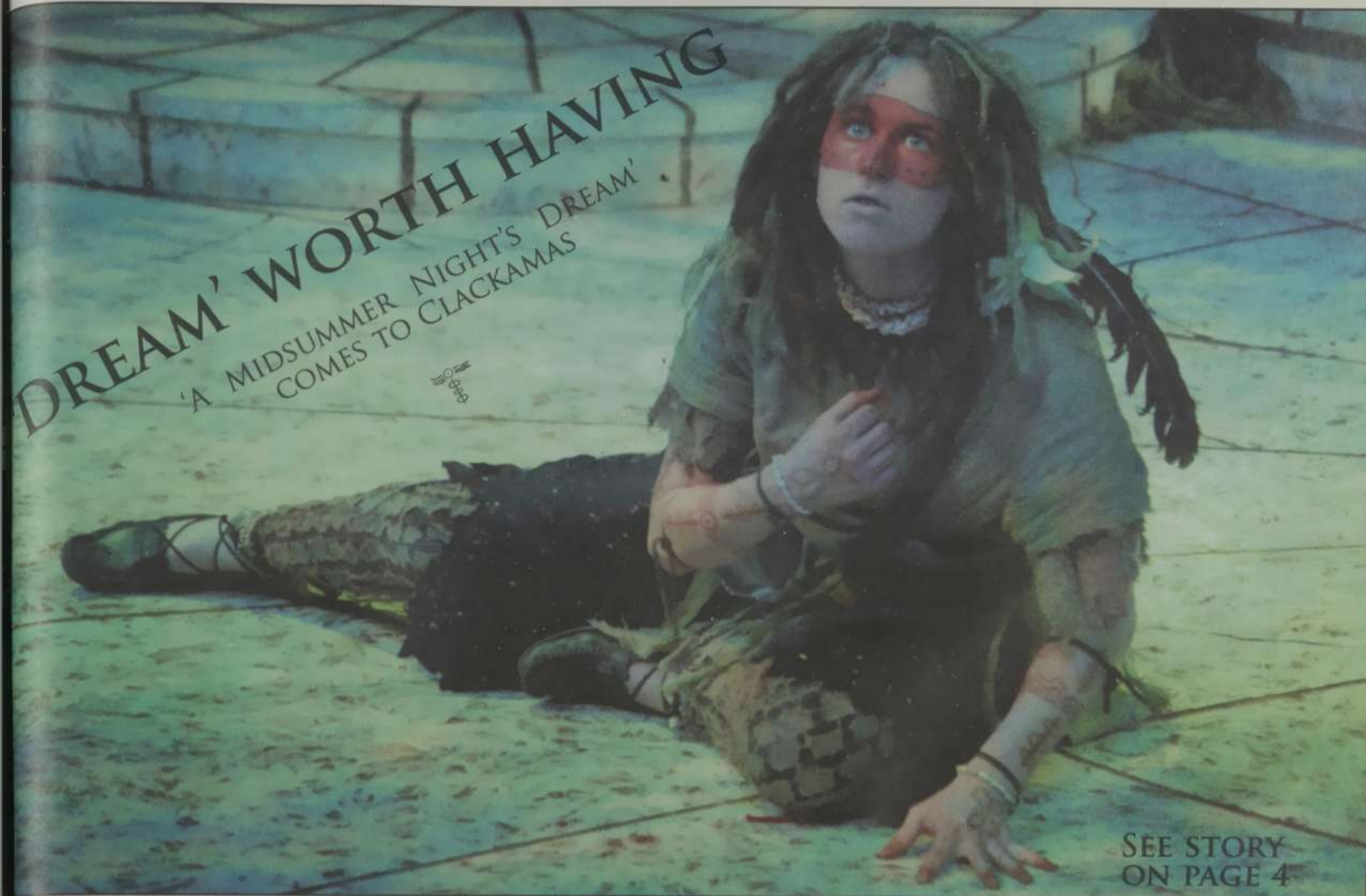


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...played by Emily Robison, relays to Oberon how she came across a group of players in the forest and decided to curse one, Nick Bottom, by fixing an eye in his head upon him. This trickery happens to coincide with Oberon's plans to force his queen, Titania, to fall in love with some beast.

ASG brings awareness to local foster kids

By **Brittany Anderson**
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Do you feel like making a difference in someone's life? By joining Associated Student Government in raising funds for foster kids, you can do just that.

On May 18 there was a foster kids awareness fundraiser outside of the community center. The purpose of this event was to raise money for foster kids in the Clackamas County area who are graduating high school or are otherwise aging out of the system. With May being National Foster Care Month, this fundraiser is perfectly timed.

"I think foster kids are a population that doesn't get recognized very often," said Alyssa, president of ASG.

"Most probably don't tend to think about what happens to foster kids after they turn 18. According to Penanna Tracy, the administrative assistant of the center, in many cases these kids have nowhere to go to help whatsoever.

"After entering the age of adulthood, the foster parent can choose to no longer house the child," Tracy said. "So in a lot of cases these kids become homeless. After these kids turn 18, the state no longer pays for their basic needs. If an emergency arises, these kids are out of luck."

"It is a heart-breaking situation, made worse for the kids who turn 18 before their high school graduation. These kids have no money to pay for a cap and gown for graduation, turning a tradi-

tional celebratory time into one of disappointment.

There are currently 372 foster kids in the Clackamas County area and at least 12 of these kids are graduating this year. The ASG students decided to give these kids a helping hand.

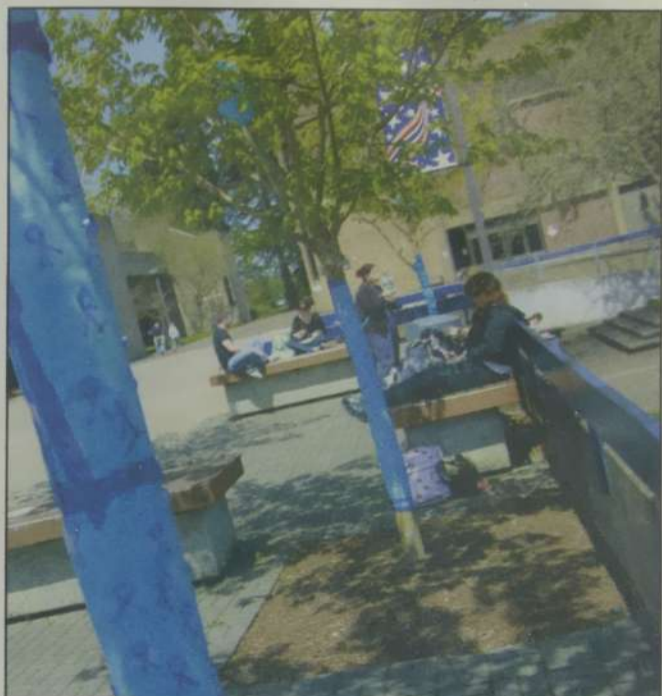
The barbecue included a raffle and four trees covered in 93 blue ribbons and one balloon per tree. Each ribbon represented a foster child in the Clackamas County area. There were games and many food choices including hot dogs, chicken sausages, veggie burgers, hamburgers, soda and cake. The barbecue raised \$500 and collected 10 bags of goods for these foster kids.

The event was the brainchild of ASG's Mandie Gavitt, who is also a member of *The Clackamas Print*.

"Mandie contacted me and asked if there was any needs that weren't met in regards to foster kids; her event was planned around those needs," said Victoria Pearse of the Oregon Department of Human Services. "We really appreciate the support Mandie got at the fundraiser. We get a lot of kids who have completely nothing. It's great for them to know that there are individuals in the community who care about their well-being and that they have support."

Various members of ASG all worked hard to ensure that this event was successful and assisted in setting up for the event and put ribbons on the trees, which took more than three hours.

Although the barbecue is over, donations of money and goods are still being accepted. Contact asgpromo@clackamas.edu for more information.



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Blue ribbons cover the trees next to the community center on May 18 in support of local foster kids.

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