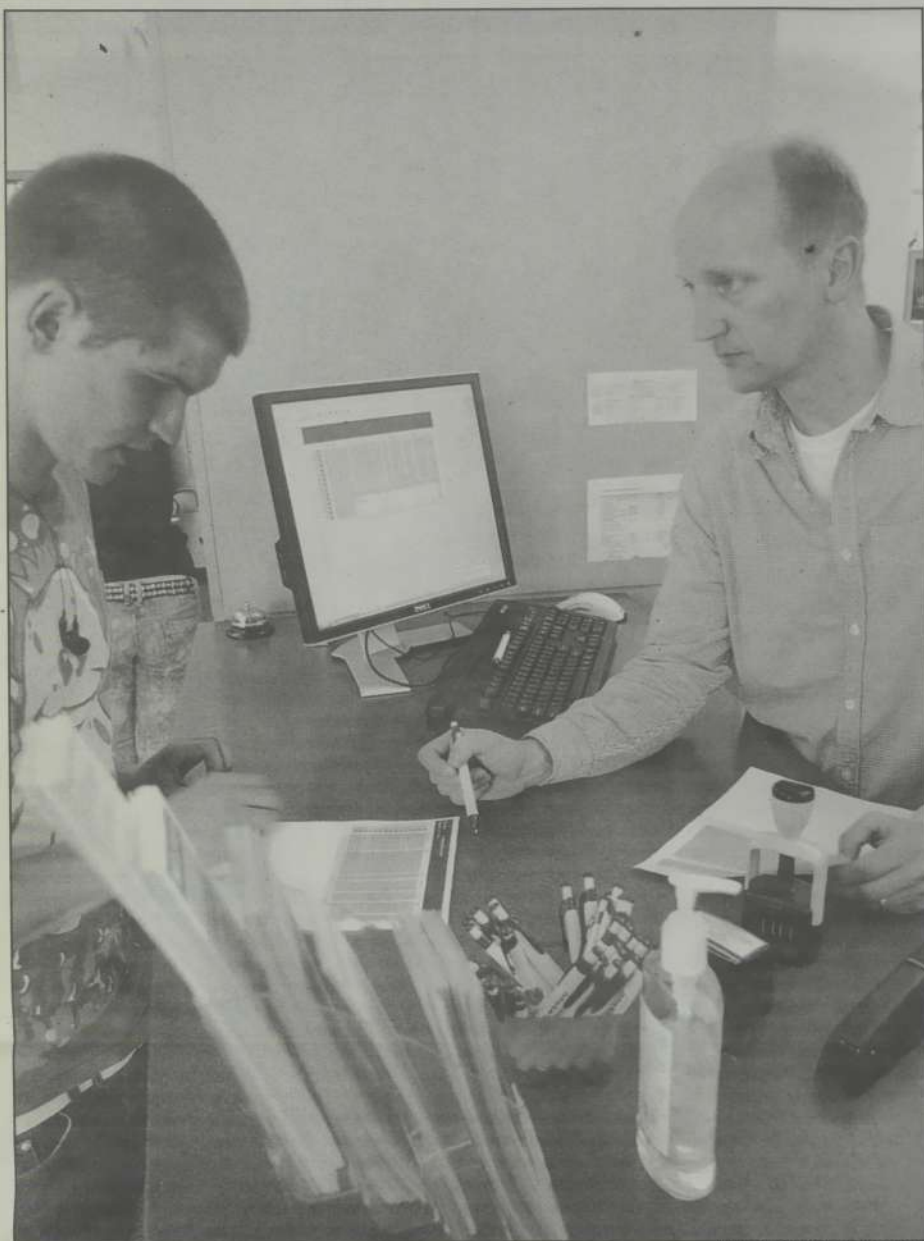


Registration open



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Isaac Hopt talks to Ric Jenkerson about scheduling for a future term at Clackamas Community College. Jenkerson works in Enrollment Services at Roger Rook Hall.

By James Duncan
Associate News Editor

Summer is here, spring is leaving and fall is right around the bend. Fall registration and the first few weeks of fall are a stressful time for most students. Whether you are new or a seasoned college student, the fall always proves to throw you a curve ball.

The biggest problem students face with the coming of fall term is that some still don't get their paperwork in on time. According to Chippi Bello, director of enrollment services, you should have your documents into the registrar's office by May 30 if you don't want to face any delays in the financial aid process.

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Lead Advising Specialist

“It's about 14 weeks from the term that summer term ends so we figure that if financial aid takes about 12 weeks to process and if students submit all the documentations to our office ... then it gives students about 12 weeks to plan to see what type of financial aid they have,” said Bello. “Submit all the documentations to us by the recom-

mended deadlines. If they miss the recommended deadlines we will still process their applications, but it's not a guarantee that their financial aid will be ready by fall term.”

Financial aid is one of the biggest and hardest things to get just right, but it isn't the only thing new and returning students need to be aware of. The second thing every student needs to have set up is a myClackamas account and have all the appropriate paperwork ready to go.

“You can do it online ... and you can do it at home,” said Ric Jenkerson, enrollment services specialist. “You can start registering May 17 at midnight. A lot can be done online. (You can) print out your paperwork, make sure all the paperwork is filled out and double check (to) make sure everything is correct before you turn it in and have it ready to go when you get in line.”

With your papers in order and myClackamas account set up, then comes the final step of setting up your school year: choosing classes.

“Attend a new student advising session, that's where we help explain to students what degrees and certificates are available,” said Jessica Walter, lead advising specialist. “It helps them pick out classes, get registered and create a schedule. That's a big difference between high school and college. Students can really tailor things but it's also hard the first time you make a schedule.”

The student advisers are an excellent resource that every student and student-to-be has access to. They are able to help resolve almost any issue that you run into with your classes or schedule.

With everything in order and ready to go, you will be able to face the new school year with few obstacles, which means you will deal with less stress and be able to focus more on your classes.



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Political science instructor absent for rest of year

On the afternoon of Wednesday, May 18, political science instructor Dean Darris didn't show up to class. As students tried to figure out what was going on, student Robert Brown, a close friend of Darris, came in and told the class that he wasn't going to be showing up for the rest of the term.

According to an email Darris' wife Tara Darris sent out to students, he had a “near heart attack” but is trying to make sure his students were being looked after.

“He will not be returning to class but he will do everything to make sure you get the credits and grades you deserve,” Tara Darris

stated in the email.

Dean Darris is suffering from hypertension and other “confidential” health problems, his wife said. He read two emails from two different Clackamas administrators Wednesday afternoon and his blood pressure spiked, according to Tara Darris.

“He's been in and out of the hospital. He's been in physician's care,” Tara Darris said. “He's facing surgeries.”

Tara Darris is concerned about how the college is treating her husband.

“He should be praised for his efforts, but instead he's abused,” Tara Darris said.

Vice President of College Services

Courtney Wilton said the college upholds privacy ethics, and he could only speak in general terms.

“It's challenging in that anyone can say anything they want about the college,” Wilton said. “We absolutely deny harrasing any staff. Just because someone says something doesn't mean it's true.”

According to Bill Briare, dean of arts and sciences, the college is looking for a replacement instructor and that the classes are being informed of the changes and events.

Some of Dean Darris's classes have been taken over by part-time instructor Chuck Mitchell. Doug Foster has taken over for the

American Military Conflict classes.

According to political science students Christopher Thomson and Nevin Halvorsen, most of the classes that Dean Darris was teaching this term were lecture-based and not built around his book. With Dean Darris gone on medical leave for the rest of the school term, the class finals will be designed by Mitchell and the rest of the department. The finals will focus on student presentations.

Briare couldn't comment on if Dean Darris will be back after the summer or not.

- Brian Baldwin and Jaime Dunkle

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