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## Fake crash/Real problem



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Kelsey Downs participates in a car accident enactment on May 25 in order to inform students that drinking and driving is dangerous.

**By Mandie Gavitt**

Associate Arts & Culture Editor

*During Memorial Day weekend some friends decided to visit a cabin. They planned not to leave the cabin after they started drinking but a friend's car broke down on Saturday.*

*Susie decided to pick up her friends, even though she had been drinking; her older sister Tammie rode along. Susie's impairment caused her to take the curve in the road at 60 miles an hour. She lost control of the vehicle, crashing into a tree.*

*Tammie had a pulse but was unresponsive and not breathing. Susie's injuries were not life threatening. Both girls were transported to the hospital, but Tammie died on the way.*

*Susie was treated and released into police custody. She served a prison sentence for her sister's death.*

This is a condensed version of the story that was read on Wednesday, May 25 to those that came to see the annual Alcohol Awareness event hosted by Associated Student Government through Oregon Impact and American Medical Response.

This year, I was the driver, Susie, and fellow ASG member Kelsey Downs played my passenger and older sister, Tammie. We both helped to write the above story.

My decision to be in the car was not one I took lightly. It did not sound like a pleasant endeavor. Yet, I also knew it was an opportunity that wouldn't come again, so I signed myself up for an adventure I will not soon forget.

The day of the enactment, Kelsey and I spent over an hour getting our makeup done by Lucie Drum, the community education/injury prevention specialist with American Medical Response Northwest. Although short on time, Drum could still put Hollywood to shame.

Once fully bloodied, Kelsey and I were hidden under tarps and led to the car by other ASG members where we were given our last dose of makeup; a spray bottle of blood.

We were under the tarp for what was probably less than ten minutes but felt like hours. This is when we began to get nervous as neither of us knew what would happen. To take the edge off, I danced, cracked some jokes and clutched the steering wheel for dear life.

A recording of a young girl calling 911 to report an accident was played followed by the sounds of a car crash, during which the tarp was ripped off.

For the enactment we went through everything we would in a real accident, minus the injuries. Firefighter Lt. Jed Wachlin, who was not at our event but has done Alcohol Awareness presentations in the past, said that the process remains the same but is less intense than it would be in real life.

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## Student vote keeps ASG constitution unchanged

**By Patty Salazar**

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A group of students wanted to see Associated Student Government's elections be opened up to the public. Students could vote on the change from May 25 to 27. However, the petition failed to pass.

ASG currently requires that a student be a member of ASG for at least two terms to be eligible to run for president or vice president. The policy amendment would have made it so that any student could run for these positions.

"ASG believes that in order to be a good leader, you must be a part of a selective group. This is not democracy," read the posters that have been around Clackamas Community College since late last week.

The posters were put up to let students know about the vote. The vote was to be taken on myClackamas Portal, the same way ASG president and vice president were voted on earlier in the month. It was a "Yes" or "No" vote on if the ASG bylaws should be changed so that anybody could run for president and vice president.

Christopher Thompson, the Political Science Club president, initially started the amendment campaign and was trying to have the vote taken before the ASG presidential and vice presidential election but was unsuccessful.

"It's ridiculous that ASG has a... stricter system than our government," Thompson said. "It doesn't make any sense, and it's actually completely backwards (of what) it should be. We have not been able to contact Fava as much as we would like. I know that if we had that connection then a lot of our grievances would be... more easy to address and easy to be remedied."

The change Thompson petitioned for would not have been new to Clackamas' ASG department, as the elections used to be open to all students.

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