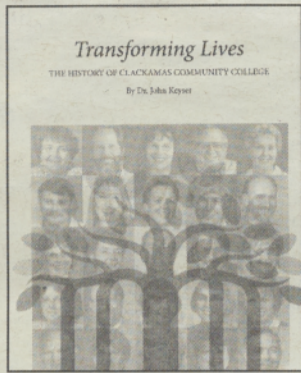


New book tells Clackamas history

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Clackamas Community College has no shame when it comes to bragging about its various accomplishments over the past 40 years. In a book, "Transforming Lives: The History of Clackamas Community College," written by former college president John Keyser and published this summer, the life and story of Clackamas is chronicled.

The book took Keyser about four years to complete. A majority of that time was spent on research which he said was the most challenging part of writing the book. The first half of the book is a broad telling of the various events that helped form Clackamas while the second half aims to give a more specific view of the various departments in Clackamas and how they helped shape them.

Throughout the course of writing the book, Keyser talked to 300 former staff and students of CCC. Keyser said that to help shorten the list of people he needed to talk to for the book, he tried to keep the focus on staff that either worked on campus for at least 10 years or had an out-

standing accomplishment for the school, though he acknowledges that some people may have fallen through the cracks.

According to Keyser the most rewarding part of writing the book was getting in touch with people and forever putting in writing what people accomplished. "I wanted to write the book because I wanted to honor the pioneers of the college and to honor the kind of work CCC does to transform the lives of students and the community," he said. "All of us who worked there were also transformed."

College president Joanne Truesdell said she was pleased

with the book and its accurate representation of Clackamas. "I read it when it first came out and I refer to it every once and while as I'm thinking about how did we evolve, as CCC over time. The things I have heard and experienced are very consistent. I like it because it is a labor of love for John," she said.

She says she hopes to write the next book about Clackamas but it will be a challenge to fill Keyser's shoes. "He's setting the bar really high."

Truesdell says that although the college will change between now and when it comes time for her to write another book, certain things will remain unwavering. "I think our mission won't change, just like it hasn't changed from the beginning. We'll still be providing lower division collegiate, we'll still be providing technical career training and lifelong learning ... all of those things will still be what they are. How and where we deliver them might change."

The proceeds from the book are used to fund Foundation scholarships for Clackamas students who need financial help to attend college. Keyser said 500 copies of the book were printed and 60 are left, raising \$10,000 for scholarships.

The Print asks: What is the most important thing to know about campus?



"The math lab is major, use it."
— Liberty Adams



"Never wear pajamas to school. It's ugly and lazy."
— A.J. Hight



"Where the bathrooms are."
— Luke Rice



"Don't do drugs."
— Jason McDonald



"Not to buy food at the cafeteria. Go to the ASG office."
— Kerysten Benedict

"There's a program called DMC: digital media communications. Take it. It's awesome."
— Thomas Wasson, Clackamas Community College Instructor

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TWEAKS OF THE WEEK

Things to do this week if college life is tweaking you out.

Build Your Own Mini Hoop House:
Grow food all year long in your own backyard. Workshops provides instruction on how to construct your own mini hoop house. Workshop is Oct. 15 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. in Clairmont 117. Cost is \$20. For more information, visit <http://depts.clackamas.edu/hort> or call 503-594-3292.

Concrete Leaf Casting:
Creating your own unique casting using a live textured leaf. Workshop covers painting information. Workshop covers painting, staining, and water-proofing information. Workshop Oct. 15 from 9 to 11:50 a.m. in Clairmont 117. Fee is \$25. For more information, visit <http://depts.clackamas.edu/hort> or call 503-594-3292.

Oregon City Saturday Summer Farmers Market:
Farmers markets will be held on Saturday mornings in Oregon City at the county fair parking lot. Come buy for some fresh fruits and veggies until Oct. 29. Address: 2051 Kaen Rd. Oregon City. Date: Saturdays until October 29. Time: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Halloween Fantasy Trial:
Take a frightening walk through a lighted, wooded fantasy trail decorated with spooky sights and sounds at Wenzel Farm until Oct. 30. Address: 19754 S Ridge Rd, Oregon City. Date: Until October 30. Time 12-5 p.m. and 7-10 p.m.

Does your band have a gig or are you involved in an event you would like CCC students to be in the know about? Send your event info to aced@clackamas.edu to be listed in "Tweaks this week."



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