

# Congressional candidate gets cozy with Cougars' needs

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With all the hype surrounding the presidential elections, the Congressional elections here in Oregon have been a little under the radar. The West Coast state of Oregon has five representatives rooting for our needs in the Congressional mass.

Clackamas County falls under the 5th District, which stretches from the central Coast area into the suburbs of Portland. The district includes Lincoln, Marion, Polk, Tillamook, part of Benton, the southern part of Clackamas and a small area of Multnomah County.

It is the most competitive district in the state because it is the richest and after the primary elections last May, there are four runners for the 5th district slot.

Congressman Kurt Schrader of the Democratic Party is our current representative and he is running for another term against Fred Thompson of the Republican Party, Christina Jean Lugo from the Pacific Green Party and Raymond Baldwin of the Constitutional Party.

Raymond Baldwin of the Constitution Party visited Clackamas Community College earlier this month to ask students and faculty what their growing concerns are, during which Baldwin stated that he wasn't afraid of calling out Schrader.

"If you're wondering what I stand for," said Baldwin, "it's basi-

cally the Constitution." He continued by stating that the First Constitutional Party stands for ideals the other two parties don't stand for, and the country needs saving against corruption.

Baldwin first met with the student government to see what the needs of the students are. The cost of education was one of the main topics discussed.

"It appalls me that [they] would increase rates to 7 percent," said Baldwin in response to hearing that unsubsidized loans had reached that high, jumping from last year's 2 percent.

Baldwin said his goal was to take the number back down to at least 2 percent, but the problem would be getting the banks on board. He'd also want to see tuition for students lowered and more money put into extracurricular programs.

Baldwin's plan of action for students from a federal view would be to find a way to subsidize students better.

Additionally, he proposes a salary cap for teachers because he believes they are making plenty of money. Baldwin also encourages and recommends the unity of students from all colleges to jointly compare notes and come up with demands.

"It's all about supply and demand and competition," Baldwin said. "Someone new coming in can really make an impact through associated students."

After mentioning that textbooks are too expensive with no way around that, CCC President Joanne Truesdell spoke about foundations like [www.openstacks.org](http://www.openstacks.org), which is making content available online

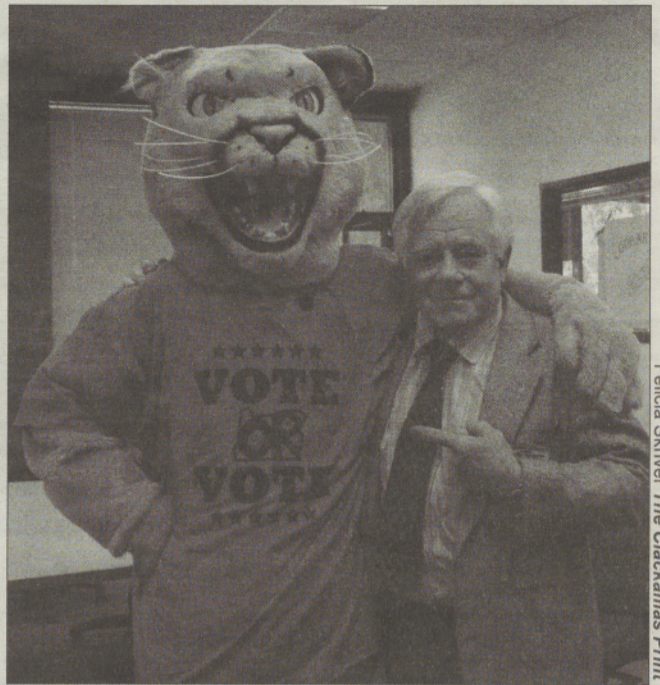
and cheaper.

"I think that any way we can reduce costs for the students is great," said Truesdell. "It's important our students have a voice and chance."

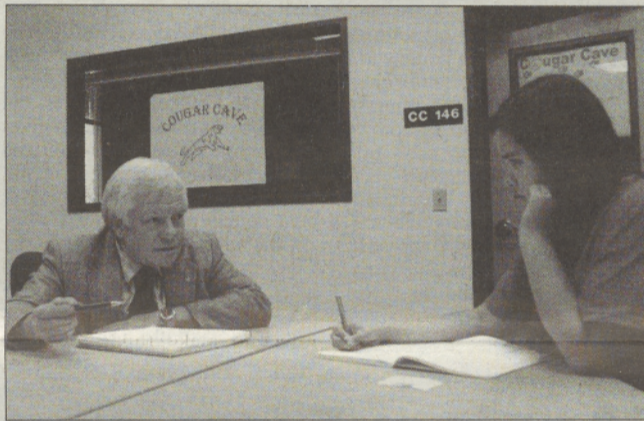
The two also talked about the age of the campus such as the 50-year-old infrastructure supporting our buildings and in need of refurbishment. Truesdell stated that the science labs are the same ones that were used when she attended college at CCC.

Baldwin stated that if he's elected that the interest rates will be lowered, and he will work with companies to make it easier for students to get online textbooks. He wants to work with openstacks where foundations make it easier to gain more content online and making it cheaper for students to access.

The idea of a debate between all four candidates is circling about right now; regardless on Nov. 6 we will vote for a voice for Oregon.



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(Above) Congressional candidate Raymond Baldwin of the Constitutional Party stands with Cougie at a recent visit to the school campus.

(Left) Baldwin sits in the Fireside Lounge with student body president Diana Muresan. The two spent time discussing what the students needs and concerns were, as well as changes both sides agreed needed to be made.

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## 'Jarring' discovery made: Sunland product recall doubles

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Last week, Sunland, Inc. announced an expansion of its recall of products produced in its peanut butter plant. The company recall of nut butter products made by Sunland Inc. and sold under multiple labels was initially 101 products. That number has now doubled to about 240 products.

The recall effort began when the FDA found traces of Salmonella in Sunland's nut butter production facility. The Federal Centers for Disease Control isolated the strain from a jar of Trader Joe's Valencia Creamy Peanut Butter found in a Salmonella patient's home.

Jackson Henson is a 4 year-old boy who lives in Shrewsbury, Mass. and was affected by the Salmonella virus. His mother is now suing both Trader Joe's and Sunland Inc. on his behalf because she feels she needs to hold them accountable.

According to the FDA, the people who are most at risk of being affected by the salmonella virus are children, the elderly and anyone who may have a weak immune system. The FDA has only reported illnesses in connection with Trader Joe's products, but Sunland Inc. has decided to recall all of their products made at the Sunland facility in Portales, N.M., between March 1, 2010 and Sept. 24, 2012. Trader Joe's large recall of multiple peanut butter

products is completely voluntary.

Their statement is that they are cooperating with the FDA "because there is nothing more important to us than the health and safety of our customers and crew and the quality of our products."

According to the official statement on Sunland's website, the CDC reported a total of 30 illnesses in 19 states as of Sept. 25, but at this point Oregon was not one of them.

While Oregon has not yet been reported to have any illnesses related to this recall, students on campus should still be aware of the possibility.

Here at our local Fred Meyer store, no jars of peanut butter were affected; however products containing peanut butter were recalled.

"None of our fresh peanut butter or any of our jarred peanut butter has been affected," said Janice Johnson, the head of the nutrition department. "None of our peanut butter has been recalled oddly enough, just our peanut butter cookies and candies."

The FDA recall list affects multiple peanut butter brands and brands that use peanut butter in their products, as well as different flavored butters and spreads.

The majority of the labels are brands who are known for selling organic and healthier versions of their products.

Companies affected include Trader Joe's, Chattanooga Bakery Inc., Newman's Own, Kirkland, Whole Foods and more. Products affected include almond butter, tahini, cashew butter, as well as multiple cookie and snack food products.

Sunland Inc., Trader Joe's and the FDA are continuing their investigation at Sunland Inc.'s production facility to eliminate this disease strain and prevent future illnesses.



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