

# ASG offers cocoa for your thoughts

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In today's economy it's not very often that something is free. However, Clackamas Community College's Associated Student Government is now giving away hot cocoa, coffee and apple cider for free to students who submitted a comment card saying what they think about the college.

ASG wants to keep this an ongoing event for Clackamas students so that their opinions are heard. Due to

finals week, ASG will start handing out cocoa again next term but the purpose is to find out what students would change about the college and what they would keep the same.

"We just want to find out what they're not getting from ASG, and what their disappointments are with the college," said Laurie Garrison, Club Senator of ASG. "We just want to find out what students are thinking."

The members of the program on Nov. 21 greeted every student and encouraged everyone to take the hot drinks including Donevan Karr, the Campus Activities Senator of ASG.

"We're just trying to get to know people," said Karr. "A lot of people don't know about ASG and we just want to get to know the people we're serving."

According to Kaylea Henderson, Public Affairs Officer of ASG, they have gone in to different buildings to try and get everyone's input. The first week they were in the Niemeyer building talking to the theater students; last week they stationed themselves in Randall Hall to see what the athletic students had to say.

"It's kind of fun going to different buildings," said Henderson.

"We get to see different kinds of students and get different kinds of comments."

Change is inevitable here on campus and according to ASG President Diana Muresan, there has been talk of more change happening including discussion of a possible \$5 increase in tuition for next year.

ASG is also promoting other events and charities, like their annual giving tree. The way the tree works is anyone can get a piece of paper off the tree that has the age and the gender of a child in need. That person then goes out

and buys an appropriate gift and gives it to ASG who will make sure it arrives to the child this holiday season.

"Basically we're trying to see how to promote these kinds of events," said Pamela Kedev, Officer for Promotions of ASG. "We're also trying to promote the giving tree, so kids have presents."

According to Jamie Gibson, Public Affairs Senator of ASG, they have a lot of fun organizing the event. They enjoy hearing what the student body has to say.

"It's a lot of fun, we have a lot of fun people of ASG," said Gibson. "The students always have fun things to say."

ASG intends to keep on supplying more cocoa to cold students throughout the next couple weeks so those with comments can come to ASG to express their concerns. Be on the lookout for their comment booth that provides both warmth and an attentive ear free of charge.



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Associated Student Government volunteers wait in Randall Hall for students to walk by. For submitting a comment, students can acquire a free cup of warmth. ASG hopes that the free hot cocoa will entice them to fill out a comment card. Hot apple cider and coffee were available as well.

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The organizers of the event also really enjoyed their time helping to assemble the holiday joy this year. According to Justin Akers, the stage light specialist, they all have a lot of fun when putting together the event.

"This is my third year doing the stage," said Akers. "And I have a lot of fun doing this."

The tree is expected to stick around until the end of the holiday season after New Year's. Christopher Junior, one of the tree men on sight, provided some insight

into the massive holiday staple.

"It's a various paper product tree from Gaston, Oregon and we pretty much filled it out with three hundred more branches to make it look more full," said Junior. "And good old Portland rain keeps it green."

According to Junior, if a person were to layout the amount of lights on the tree it would stretch out to be little more than two and half miles.

As well as singing carols, the aim is to get people to donate food to the Oregon Food Bank so that less fortunate people all over the state may receive care packages of

food for the holidays.

Many downtown commoners say that the tree has become an icon of the square, and to some it's become a tradition to watch the lights.

"It kind of ushers in the season. It's sort of a tradition down here," said Valerie Bass, a longtime resident of Portland. "It gets everyone in the holiday mood."

The multicolored lights that inaugurated the Christmas feel will shine on until January, so anybody wanting to see the tree has a lot of time to do so.




Above: Pink Martini and Friends lead Pioneer Square in hours of caroling, launching the season of holiday cheer and family-gathering festivities. The band played until the final countdown of the lighting of the tree. Top right: The tree that lit up Pioneer Square stands tall in Portland.

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