

Curling heats up the ice



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David Daly, left, and Bruce Joncas, right, sweep the surface of the ice, melting a wet path for the stone to follow at Evergreen Curling Club in Beaverton.

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Large granite stones can be heard roaring across newly laid ice in Beaverton. Rumbling like far off thunder, the gliding stones were guided along a sparkling path of melting ice. Sweeping the path

were two focused teammates, carefully augmenting the stone's trajectory from their thrower teammate's launch.

A pole was held by a fourth teammate as a marker for the thrower. The marker was held askew to the target area in order to allow the curl of the stone to overshoot off towards the intended area.

"It cost \$400,000 to build the

rink, mostly acquired through donations from members and grants," said Joe Petsche, promotions director for Evergreen Curling Club. The specially designed rink brought state of the art sliding technology to Oregon in December of last year.

"A Zamboni doesn't do the ice any justice for curling," said Petsche. "We use a machine called

an Ice King to smooth the ice, then we sprinkle water on the ice to create a pebbling effect over the surface. A tool called a nipper is then used to level the tops of the pebbled water droplets. Only 20 to 30 percent of the stone touches the ice."

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College weighs \$5 tuition increase

Students may again be reaching deeper into their pockets to pay for an education.

At tonight's meeting, the college Board of Education will discuss raising tuition \$5 per credit, effective this summer.

If approved, one credit will raise from the current rate of \$79 per credit hour to \$84 instead. This would raise the cost of 15 credits from \$1,185 to \$1,260.

The Oregon average at community colleges is just under \$85 for in-state students. Mt. Hood Community College is currently \$89, while Portland Community College is \$82. The most expensive tuition at a community college is \$94 at Clatsop, while the best deal is at Umpqua, where students pay \$75 for each credit hour.

Out of state and international students will have an additional \$15 per credit hour increase if the recommendations are approved by the board. Their cost for 15 credits will go up from \$3,510 to \$3,735.

The board meeting begins at 6 p.m. tonight in the community center.

— Joshua Dillen



New fields to sow: instructor to retire

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Retirement can often be a trying time in a person's life. Adjusting to a new daily routine, figuring out how to structure one's day. How do people adjust to the absence of their career which was essentially their life up to that point?

These are all questions that face Horticulture Department Chair Elizabeth Howley, who is retiring at the end of this term.

Howley has been at Clackamas Community College since 1983 and after 30 years of teaching horticulture, she is ready to settle down and transi-

tion into the next stage of her life.

Described as abundantly knowledgeable and practical, Howley doesn't shy away from confrontation.

"If she tells you, 'Don't text in my class' and you are texting, she'll throw you out," said student Jespen Gerdes.

Essentially, what Howley cares about most is teaching, being with the students and watching them learn and grow. Everything else is secondary. Her passion for teaching and horticulture is immense and is shown through her energy and exuberance when talking about the subject.

"I was first drawn to horticulture when I was five. My Grandfather took me with him



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Elizabeth Howley passes a tray of young seedlings to Juliana Haley. Plants get moved to different areas of the greenhouse near Clairmont depending on what stage of growth they are in.

to a greenhouse to buy flowers for their yard and I just fell in love with these millions of billions — it seemed to a five-year-old — flowers that were in my face. My eyeballs were giant and head height to head height and I was amazed. I said, 'Your friends did this?' He said, 'yes', so then I decided I want to do this," said Howley.

Teaching has always been a love of Howley's from a very young age. Although she didn't have students or a class yet, she

was still teaching herself new things.

"We'd go to parks, and Massachusetts had a lot of lakes and I could walk around the lake as long as I kept the lake to my right side. So I was allowed at a very young age to hike in the woods on my own and discover things," said Howley.

Over the years, Howley has seen students come and go, struggle and succeed.

"I love meeting a new student for the first time and I love

screaming and hooting and hollering for them at graduation. I love the times in between when they're really stuck, 'There's no way I'm going to pass this class,' and then breaking down what are the barriers and just helping them get to the other side. You know, that just happens over and over and over again and I just don't get tired of it," said Howley.

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