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# Whitewater shines in the sun

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A little rain can't dampen the spirit of a whitewater rafting enthusiast...they came to get wet! Rafters and kayakers from Canada to California rendezvous on the river for whitewater competitions, equipment demos and clinics led by local experts.

Clack-fest, as it is affectionately known, is the oldest and largest all whitewater festival on the West Coast. The event is held 17 miles upriver of Estacada at Carter Bridge through Carter Falls rapids. Rafting and kayaking competitions are the focus, but "River Rats" and spectators alike enjoyed a weekend of camping, camaradery, BBQ and Saturday evening live music by the Everyday Prophets.

"Although there were some sunbreaks, the liquid sunshine seemed to hold the spectator crowd down this year. We usually have over 1,000 people each day," said Jake Randall who

works for Next Adventure and has been a volunteer the last four years.

Saturday morning launched the competitions with several raft and kayak slalom events. Boaters maneuver through a series of gates set up in the middle of Carter Falls, a long Class IV rapid. Ropes are suspended across the river and a system of gates hangs down from the cables so that racers have to go through particular areas of the rapids in order to avoid penalties.

Of course aside from the gates, boaters must navigate the rapids- avoiding rocks, climbing rollers and challenging churning holes. In this level of whitewater it is to be expected that some boats will flip and some boaters will be tossed out. Participants wear dry suits, Type III lifejackets and most have helmets. There are river safety persons in rafts and kayaks on both sides of the river.

An announcer's loud speaker echoed out participants' names and commentary over the roar of the rapids. The spectators, sit-



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Rafters paddle away as they race to conquer the rapids. Not only is it a race against the clock, rafters must avoid the numerous obstructions that pose a threat in a raft.

ting on boulders along the river, cheered on racers and hooted and hollered when the rapids prevailed over dumped over boats.

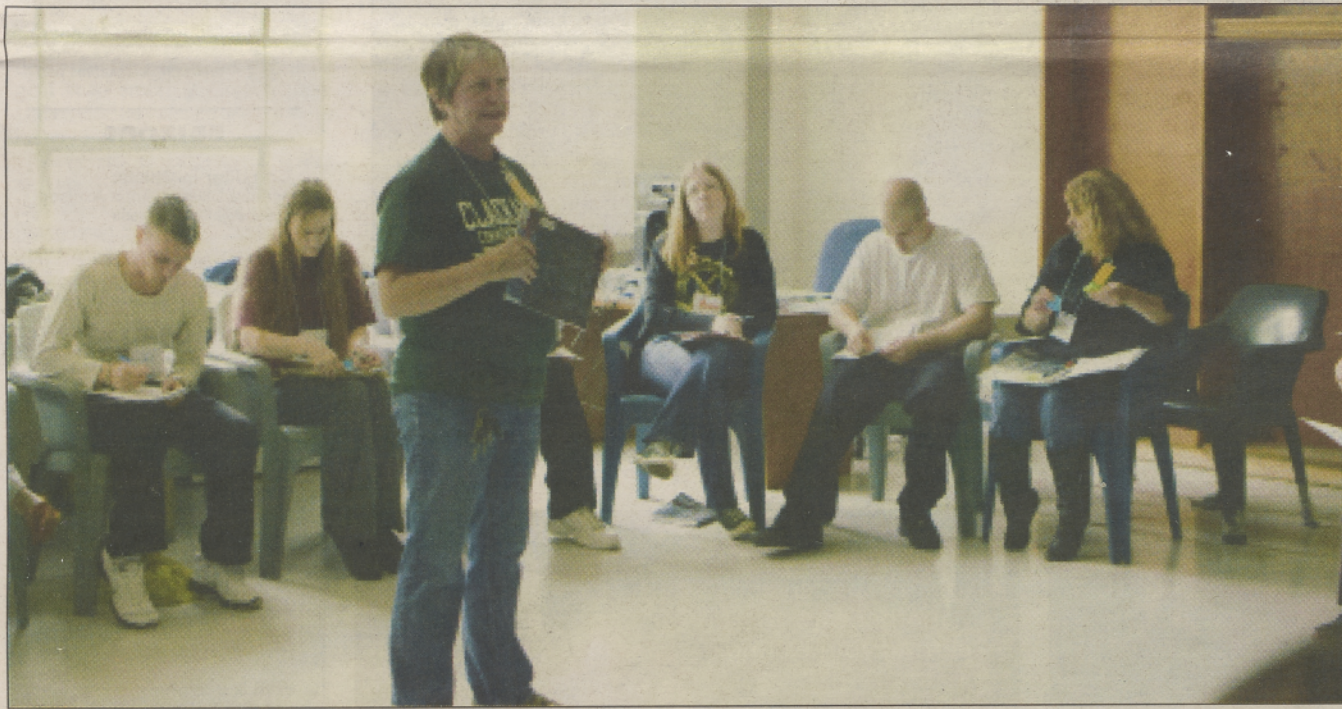
Following the racing events, that were held May and 19,

was the Big Air Ramp competition. This is a crowd favorite. Kayakers slide down to a 30-foot ramp with a five-foot lip jump that launches them into the air. They are judged on their aerial

tricks which included barrel rolls and back flips before landing into the river.

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## Criminal justice students visit the big house



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Above: Ida Flippo, criminal justice instructor leads a question and answer session inside MacLaren. Below: CJA-199 students split into groups to discuss their feelings about touring the correctional facility.



Noah explains to students how each resident has a responsibility and how it shows them how to better themselves as people.

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Wednesday afternoons this term have seen several Clackamas students put behind bars on a weekly basis. Not for crimes committed, but in the name of education. They attend Criminal Justice 199 alongside inmate students at MacLaren Youth Correctional Facility in Woodburn.

Abe Rios, a program director and assistant superintendent at the facility, and a few of the inmates gave CCC students and their instructor, Ida Flippo, a tour of MacLaren before one of those class sessions. The first stop was where the inmates actually live.

"Kincaid is a different program from what you will see in other living units. It's not the same; this is more of a higher end youth that do fairly well on campus," Rios said. "They pretty much take care of business. [They are] involved in college courses, full-time work or doing some kind of academic work."

The comfortable and relaxed atmosphere in the Kincaid Unit was not the steel and concrete fortress with armed guards one would expect at a youth detention facility. Widescreen televisions, couches and even computer access for homework were available for the prisoners' use. Inmates in the unit have more privileges because of good behavior and have the opportunity to enroll in college classes.

Noah is an inmate who resides at Kincaid and is also a student in CJA-199. Residents in the Kincaid Unit enjoy more privileges than the average inmate at MacLaren.

"This is a self-managing unit. The idea is that we are old enough now and we've shown that we can earn the responsibility to take care of ourselves and we don't have to be micro managed every minute," Noah said.

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