



Above: Students sit in McLoughlin 249 during Jackie Flowers' history class. They work together to present their notes to the class using the new whiteboards available to them. Bottom right: Flowers walks around to talk to individual groups in M 249. With this new set up Flowers is able to meet with students before they present in front of their peers.

## FUTURE: CCC tests new classroom

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In late January students walked into McLoughlin 249 to find their long rows of tables and chairs replaced by new high-tech furniture built to enhance student's time in the classroom.

The newer smaller tables are built for students to work closer. While the chairs allow students to store their items underneath, they also allow students to swivel towards whomever is speaking. The room is also now equipped with whiteboards on three of the four classroom walls.

Yeager has learned that students are able to keep in more information as long as it stays visual to them. With the new whiteboards teachers are able to put up notes and move to another white board within the classroom.

Jackie Flowers, social science department chair and instructor, is one of the current instructors using the new set up. Flowers, who teaches U.S. History, uses a lot of group work in her classes, which the furniture has made a lot easier for her students. She is already seeing the difference in her class, she said.

"I do quite a bit of group work," Flowers said. "This has been wonderful. The chairs are

so versatile for one thing. And the size of the table really facilitates discussion."

Flowers also has students use white boards that hang on either side of the table to have students teach one another throughout the class.

The new set up now also has allowed Flowers to move around the classroom and talk to each student. She was not easily able to do that in the previous set up because students were in such tight rows.

"It was like they were sitting in the middle of a movie aisle," Flowers said. "This way I can get around and talk to them while still hearing the groups behind me."

The other big improvement is that students can see Flowers wherever she is in the classroom. The swivel chairs are now allowing a student to follow whoever is speaking in class, furthering their retention of information.

"I can see them and they can see me now," said Flowers.

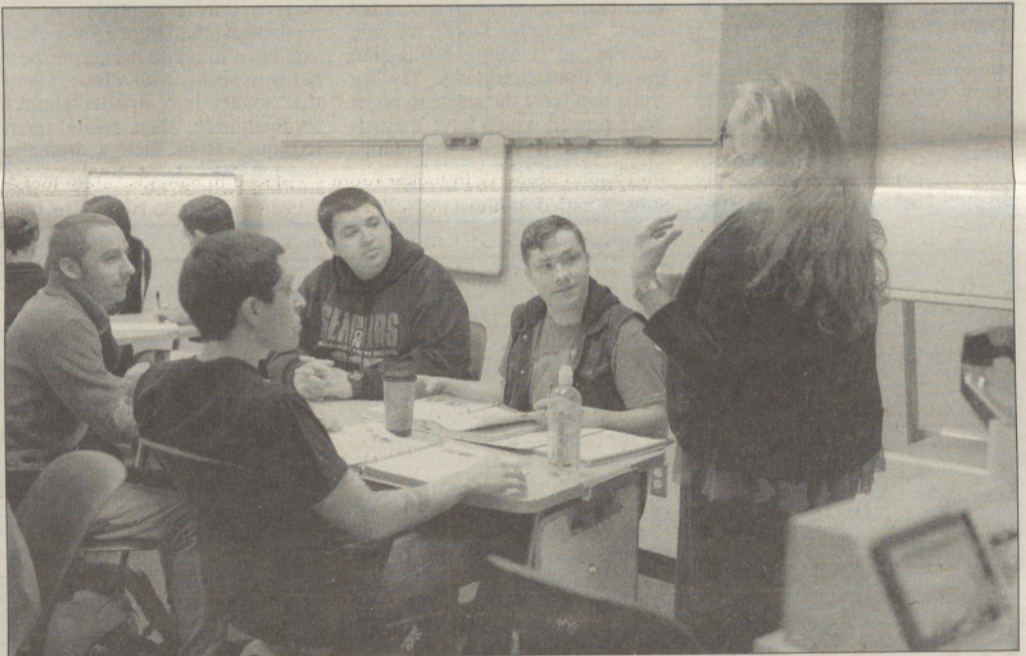
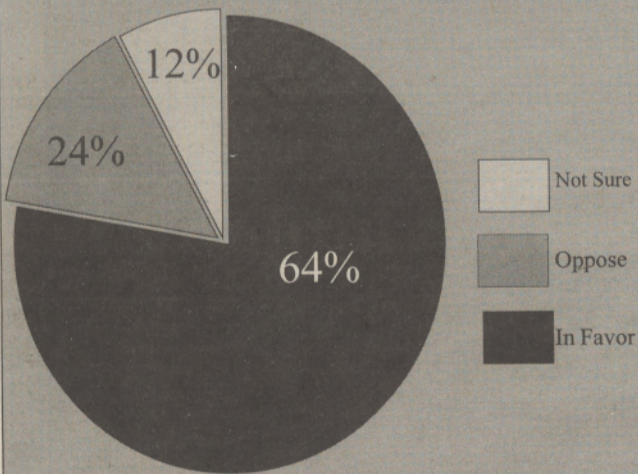
Yeager says the current set up will stay in M 249 and depending on several factors including the college's budget, she sees some kind of adoption of the active learning concept in classrooms.

## Poll: Majority supports \$90 million bond

Clackamas Community College commissioned a phone survey to gauge voter support on a possible bond for the college.

The Nelson Report asked 382 residents in the college's service district if they were in favor of a \$90 million bond to improve the facilities for the growing student population.

These are the results of that survey.



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