

Rain won't stop spring break fun

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Once more, a term nears its end, and with it comes the anticipation for mental and physical relaxation for many.

Some may end up going to Florida, Texas, Southern California or even Mexico for vacation. Others, on the other hand, will enjoy themselves in the luxurious city of Portland and its surrounding areas.

In the last issue prior to winter break, The Clackamas Print wrote about Mount Hood and snowboarding, which stands as an idea for spring break, with snow still on Mount Hood and in the Bend area.

Clackamas students voiced their plans and hopes, such as student Thai Lam, who works in the Veterans Center.

"I think I'm scheduled here," said Lam.

For Lam, on the first Saturday of every month, he goes rock climbing. He also enjoys a plethora of other activities to spend his free time from school and when he's not working during spring break, such as shooting his pistol.

There are other students who will also be working, some at other locations and some on campus like Lam. Mary Lee, who does work study in the Associated Student Government, was also scheduled to come to campus to work during the break.

"I'll be here," said Lee as she explained that she'd be working on the lending library and book exchange for the college.

Lee will have time outside of work, of course. She said she'd go to the beach, "if it doesn't rain."

Another employed ASG student, Mai Duong, said she'd also be working, but that she'd also be taking a nap this spring break.

Not everyone is from the Portland area. Some may come as far as Medford, but some come from out of state. One student comes from over 2,500 miles away on the famous islands of Hawaii. Talao Punivai plans to visit the islands on his time off.

"Because my family lives there," said Punivai as he explained that he wants to spend time with family.

Some may not be that lucky, and there's plenty to do around the Portland area, from the plentiful trails that trek through the forests of the area to Mount Hood, from Powell's City of Books to the Gorge.

Another location some people may not be aware of is the Shanghai Tunnels that run below Old China Town

that give tours of the underground location.

In Woodburn, from March 23 to April 30, the Wooden Shoe Tulip Festival will take place, in which you can walk through the 40 acres of flowers of many colors.

Those looking to invest in something more exotic can visit the Portland Japanese Garden in Northwest Portland.

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Burnt Lake, on Mount Hood, is a moderate 6.6-mile hike through the Mount Hood National Forest.

Annual Jazz Festival

Get those suspenders and fedoras ready, this year's Vocal and Instrumental Jazz Festivals are right around the corner. Bands from all across Oregon, Washington and Idaho will come to the annual event to compete and to be crowned best high school jazz bands in the Pacific Northwest.

"It is to bring students here to the college and expose them to CCC starting at middle school up," said Aulani Wehage, the administrative assistant for the music department at Clackamas Community College.

With high school and middle school bands coming here for its annual fest for over 40 years, it's no wonder why the college has such a great history and excellent program.

On March 16, the festivities begin with the 35th annual

Vocal Jazz Festival. The top schools will compete all day from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. in the Niemeyer Center.

On March 17 and 18, the Instrumental Jazz Festival begins. The college's 46th annual event features swinging jazz and dancing blues, also taking place in Niemeyer. This year, there will be schools from all around the area such as West Linn, Wilsonville, Salem, Gladstone and Milwaukie as well as many others from the state of Washington and Idaho.

While this is a competition for the bands, it is open for anyone who would like to come and listen to these bands perform. Admission is only \$5. Stop by the music department for more information on who is competing and the times for each band.

— Sam Weston