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For Bas and Sklenicka, the news came "out of nowhere," according to Bas. For Bas, he received an email from the university that "basically said 'Yep, we're closing.'" And Sklenicka found out by text from a friend and some English instructors at CCC asking if she heard the news. All of this happened on May 17, the same day everyone else outside of the Marylhurst and CCC found out. This was the same day they announced to the public through their website that they would close their doors by the end of this year following a Board of Trustees vote.

"It's kind of dropped us into a place

where we can't focus on our homework," Bas said. "Granted, a lot of the schools are trying to make accommodations for that by extending their deadlines and stuff like that, but they're all extremely busy at the moment right now, so trying to get in contact with them and trying to get accurate information about what we can transfer over is not clear yet."

According to Bas, the University did call them a week afterwards, basically saying that there would be a fair with the many universities and colleges to help transfer students over to other schools.

Marylhurst explained what would happen to students with financial aid and what their next steps should be on the FAQ section of its website. In response to the

question: "Can I transfer my financial aid from the closed school to another?" the university's website states: "No, financial aid does not transfer from one school to another."

"However, you can apply for financial aid at another school by adding the new school to your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form, and that school can determine what aid you will qualify for at their school," the FAQ page stated.

Sklenicka said it would've been nice to know about the school's closing sooner.

"It's just been a scramble to try to figure things out so late in the term and figuring out if I still need to take summer courses for the English degree I was towards or if I'm going to need to take courses [for

another school I'll be transferring to]," Sklenicka said.

According to Bas, PSU has been waiving their application fee. He also added that Marylhurst's decision came a little too late.

Bas said it would have been smoother to know the decision they made back before the start of spring term, so he could have made plans prior to the start of the term. Because of the timing, especially near the end of the term, he said, it's been too stressful for him.

Sklenicka said she is thankful for everyone in CCC's English department for being extremely helpful, "trying to help us figure things out and get things straightened out."

Speakeasy celebrates early 1900's

BY JONATHAN VILLAGOMEZ
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A night full of jazz and wine filled the air as the Clackamas Community College Mainstream choir put on a outstanding Speakeasy performance held at Vino Veritas, May 30, in the Montavilla area in Portland. The event celebrated the roaring '20s, and they sang a variety of charts from the early '20s and '30s; the individual soloists were accompanied by musicians, Kathleen Hollingsworth on the keyboard, Ariel Sangoquiza on the drums, JD Erickson on saxophone and Carson Krause on the Bass. Met with a large crowd in the small wine bar, moving around was tough, but it allowed everyone to connect in an environment that was profound and relaxing. This event gave performers a chance to showcase their individual talents rather than perform as the College Mainstream choir resulting in a different approach than they were all used to.

Taylor Walters, a first-year student and member of the Mainstream and Chamber choir said, "Choir is always about the group. Blending and being together and following the rules. Solos are about you and what you want to sound like and do."

Under the direction of Kathleen Hollingsworth, the Mainstream has a variety of performances throughout the year, but this Speakeasy show is one of the performances where the singer gets to shine in a real gig-like environment alongside their fellow colleagues.

"We focus on the soloist and the way they communicate with the audience, rather than how the group communicates," Hollingsworth said. Apart from the choir, CCC music student, JD Erickson, also performed a song in front of the crowd.

Each soloist worked hard on their songs



Performed by the CCC Mainstream Choir, the Speakeasy event is a celebration of '20s and '30s music. One of the songs performed by the choir was *Singing in the Rain*, by Arthur Freed. Loren Riddle (bottom) is currently participating in the choir for his second year and performed *You Make Me Feel So Young* by Josef Myrow and Mack Gordon.

photos by Jonathan Villagomez

to make sure it was a good fit for them. With just a few weeks to prepare for this event the pressure was on as everyone prepared for their final performance of the year at CCC.

Loren Riddle, a member of the Mainstream Choir, talked about the hardest part of that performance, "The hardest part for me was making sure that the solo that I chose would be a good fit for me," he said. "Unless you feel a given musical piece within yourself, it's nearly impossible to go out and do. Feeling the music is often the most difficult part."

Apart from the difficult choice of choosing a song that fits them, the Mainstream Choir put on a phenomenal show for everyone that attended Vino Veritas that night.

Last month, the Mainstream traveled to Reno Nevada to perform at the Reno jazz festival. There, they placed No. 3 in the two year college division.

If you missed this performance,



Mainstream Choir will be performing alongside the Chamber Choir June 8, at 7:30 p.m. in the Niemeyer theatre.

GAS LEAK CAUSES EVACUATION OF HARMONY WEST BUILDING

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Clackamas Community College's Harmony West campus had to be evacuated on June 4 as a result of a gas leak in the building.

"This morning I came to math lab upstairs and I didn't know if it was a gas leak but it definitely smelled bad," said Amanda Williams, a CCC student attending classes in the building. "Around noon we had the fire alarm go off and someone told us we had to evacuate the premises and they told us to go to Harmony East and we did."

About 30 minutes later, she said, one of the security officers told her that we needed to quickly go back to the Harmony West building and grab her stuff.

Classes that were in session were soon cancelled.

Campus safety manager Peter Kandratieff said, "It turned out to be a natural gas leak from somewhere in the building. Northwest Natural gas came out and found the leak and fixed the problem. It was probably an hour and a half or two hours that the building was evacuated and during that time it was inspected. Once that was fixed we allowed people back into the building."

According to Public Information Officer Lori Hall, "Campus safety started evacuating Harmony West campus around 11:30 a.m. College safety determined to call the fire department to make sure that there was no risk to our staff and students in the building."

Once the building was safe, classes scheduled after 1 p.m. resumed at normal times.