

Coalition continues LCC tuition hike fight

The Coalition of Concerned Citizens (CCC) lost its battle against a tuition increase at LCC Wednesday when the LCC Board of Education voted in favor of a 26 per cent tuition hike, but members vowed to continue the war by working for defeat in the upcoming LCC budget elections.

The CCC was formed last week to work against the proposed increase and included representatives from most of LCC's student groups, but according to a spokesman "We intend to broaden our Coalition to embrace the entire community" in preparation for the March 20 budget election.

Wednesday night's standing room only meeting was repeatedly interrupted with applause and jeers as each board member argued for or against the increase.

Following the defeat of a motion by board member Jim Martin to table the matter until "we can put together a budget that has the support of the people who attend this college," the board voted 4-3 in favor of the administration's recommendation to up tuition by \$26 per term.

Board member Catherine Lauris expressed her dissent, saying "We're going to price ourselves right out of the market

the people we were meant to serve."

The increase, which includes a change in definition of full-time from 10 to 12 hours to be assessed at the rate of \$10.50 per credit hour resulting in \$126 for a full-time student, will go into effect fall term, 1976.

The previous rate was \$10 per hour for 10 hours and a maximum of \$100.

An administration spokesperson said the tuition hike was necessary in order to comply with the board policy that student revenues comprise approximately 20 per cent of the total operating

budget. There has been no tuition increase for two years and the spokesperson said that even with the increase student input will probably be less than 20 per cent next year.

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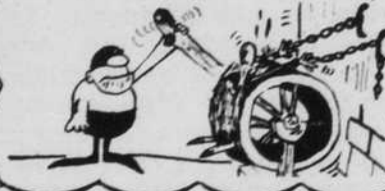
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"While it's not a breakthrough, it's a step," said Schaeffer.

Schaeffer says the program's success helps substantiate his belief that autism has biological and not psychological roots. "A child's environment has been blamed for causing autism. But it's difficult to suppress language in even the worst environment. Besides, many autistic kids come from well-functioning families."

Schaeffer cites studies which show that autistic children often develop central nervous system disorders (such as epilepsy) when they reach adolescence as a further indication that autism is a physiological problem.

"A child's first words are often closely associated

with gestures and motions," he said. "You say 'peek-a-boo' and move your hands. You say 'no-no' and shake your head. You gesture as you say 'come here.' The autistic child can make the motion, but maybe he can't hear or remember the words."

Schaeffer thinks sign language is a useful tool in teaching speech. He and the others involved in the project are currently writing a program manual describing their teaching methods. He has taught parents to work with autistic children and several programs similar to the one at the University have been started in the state.

"I think our discoveries could prove very useful," he said. "I'm anxious to see others use them."

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