

## Members favor three-year system

# Finance committee discusses budget

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Finding a more efficient method of funding the College that would be acceptable to the voters of Clackamas County is the difficult task facing the Finance Study Committee.

At their last two meetings, Oct. 17 and Nov. 3, the committee discussed a tax base system and a rate-based serial levy as alternative funding methods.

Dr. John Hakanson, president of the College, explained both methods to the committee.

A tax base is a dollar amount voted on only at primary or general elections, he said. The base remains permanent, and the institution can levy that amount each year plus six per cent more. Any amount over the six per cent must be voted on.

The main disadvantage of the tax base, according to Hakanson, is that it allows for only a six per cent increase without a vote. The advantage is that the base is permanent.

A rate-based serial levy is a fixed tax rate which remains the same over a three-year period. It can be voted on at any special election, Hakanson said.

The advantage of this method of financing is that it gives the institution the potential to grow as the valuation of the district increases.

It also allows the voters some control, as

they would have the opportunity to approve another serial levy, or some other form of financing after three years, Hakanson said.

The most important disadvantage, according to Hakanson, is that Oregon voters are not familiar with the rate-based serial levy, and do not understand it as yet.

A feeling of the consensus of the members present at the Nov. 3 meeting, about one-half, indicated that a rate-based serial levy is preferred over the other alternative, according to Dan Faddis, chairperson of the committee.

"The general feeling is that the community would have a hand in control of the community college and that the input allowable on a three-year levy would make the community feel closer and have closer ties with the College," Faddis said.

"Initially, I wanted to see a tax base established for an open door community college with stability," he said. "But in discussing the rate-based serial levy, which I knew nothing about before the first meeting of the finance committee, I find that it has quite a bit of merit as far as being a three-year program and going back to the community for their input."

The committee will make a concentrated effort to get as many members as possible to the next meeting so that a final decision can be made, according to Gloria Tomlin, secretary to the College president.

Tomlin intends to take a poll by phone

when calling to remind members of the meeting so that the opinions of those not attending can be taken into account.

"They will try to arrive at a decision at the Nov. 28 meeting to take to the Board of Education," Tomlin said.

The committee hopes that the Board of Education will make a decision based on the recommendation at its December meeting.



This first litter of baby pigs marks the beginning of the College's new swine herd in the agriculture department.

## Hakanson asks student input

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Student input on alternative methods of financing the College was asked for by Dr. John Hakanson at the Nov. 3 meeting of the Associated Student Government.

Hakanson spoke to ASG about alternate proposals for funding the college now being considered by the college finance committee.

"The present system of going before the voters every year to get a budget passed is too time consuming," Hakanson said.

"It takes about one third of my time every year to get the budget together and passed," Hakanson said. "If we passed one of the alternate measures it would give me more time to devote to other matters."

## Podiatrist sets foot clinic

A subject rarely discussed, because of the stigma of its lowly position, is the health of America's 450 million feet suffering from bunions, corns and fallen arches.

Feet are the topic of podiatrist Dr. Leslie O. Franson's seminar Nov. 14, 7 to 9 p.m., in the College's Community Center, room 117.

Franson will not be treating at the seminar. He will be discussing foot problems and treatment and explaining podiatry for those interested in podiatry as a career.

If enough interest is shown, a foot problem screening clinic will be arranged through the College health clinic.

A podiatrist has a degree from a four-year school limiting her or him to treatment of the foot. There are about 9,000 podiatrists in the United States and 500 new ones graduate each year.

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There are two alternatives to the present system now being considered by the finance committee—a tax base system which would give the College a set amount, plus a six per cent increase every year without going to the voters, and a rate based serial levy which would give the college a set amount per \$1,000 assessed property values for a three-year period.

"Three years would be a whale of a lot better than every year," Hakanson said. "In my 20 years in the Oregon school system, I've not had the luxury of more than a one-year budget—but I'd like to try it."

Hakanson would make no commitment concerning his preference for either system.

"I'm trying to stay out of it except to inform people," he said.

Hakanson was one of the prime movers among community college presidents in getting the rate-based serial levy passed by the Oregon legislature in 1977.

"I must be reluctant to push it too hard," he said.

Hakanson also said that he would like to attend more ASG meetings and would like to arrange a time when he would be available to all the students on campus in order to answer their questions or listen to their complaints.

"I think many students are reluctant to come to my office just to talk," he said.

In other business, ASG:

—Approved the ASG budget of \$72,314 for the 1978-79 school year, which will now be sent to the Board of Education.

—Planned a retreat in Cannon Beach for Nov. 11 and 12.

—Heard a report on student apathy from Mitch Newton, and reports on the Association of College Unions-International conference from Hallie Brown, Mike McCarty, Debbie Baker, Anne Marinos and Walter Eidman.

—Voted into office two new senators, Phil Boitnott and Steve Bendall.

## CCC begins swine herd

Seven sows and one boar have been loaned to the College for the purpose of providing livestock experience, said Dave Myers, Chairman of the Agriculture Department.

Steve Ouradnik, a local farmer and agriculture graduate from Oregon State University, has loaned the swine in order that the College might establish a self-supporting swine herd.

The agreement between Ouradnik and the College is that he will receive three piglets out of each litter. After the College has a substantial swine herd the original sows and boar will then be returned to the Ouradnik farm, Myers said.

"The purpose for this swine herd is to familiarize and train students in swine production, diseases of livestock, livestock nutrition, livestock judging, etc." Myers said. "All feed and medical costs will be paid by the College."

When the swine reach full maturity, the students enrolled in the Meats and Meat Identification course will slaughter the swine at a professional meat cutting facility, according to Myers.

The butchered swine will then be available for anyone who wishes to purchase the pork. The purchase price will consist of the current market price at the present time of purchase, and the cost of cutting and wrapping, Myers said.

"Interested buyers must contact me or the agriculture department to place their orders," said Myers.

"I feel that our livestock department will benefit the students enormously as well as reap profit for the College," Myers said.

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