

# Student leaders seek involvement in statewide college organization

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Building unity between community colleges is the main purpose behind Community Colleges of Oregon Student Association and Commission (CCOSAC).

This unity, along with a chance for student government leaders to exchange ideas and discuss problems, helps these leaders provide better service to the students they represent, according to Maureen Kearney, Association Student Government business manager.

Student government leaders from the 13 community colleges in Oregon meet for two-day conferences approximately once a month. The colleges take turns hosting the conferences.

"These meetings give us a chance to travel to other campuses and see what's going on and to meet other students," Kearney said.

Most of the people go there for the experience and to make contacts to carry on into the job market, Kearney said. Some go just to see other people or other schools and some for the



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lobbying experience, she said.

Currently, CCOSAC is lobbying to get legislation that would guarantee student governments funding each year.

"Boards can and have stopped student funding in the past," said Mike McCarty, ASG president. "We feel that these funds can and do provide services that have become an integral part of the college life and we don't feel they should be subject to the whims of college boards and administrators."

CCOSAC is currently working with the Oregon Student Lobby (OSL), the lobbying organization for four-year colleges.

In the past, according to Kearney, CCOSAC tried to get legislation passed by itself but it isn't large enough and doesn't have enough money to be really effective.

"OSL will support CCOSAC in getting legislation passed to benefit two-year schools and we will help them with their legislation," said Kearney. "This way CCOSAC can centralize its goals on supporting students and not concentrate so much time and effort on lobbying."

One of the short term goals of CCOSAC is to develop a communications network between the schools.

"It would be a central school to call if we wanted to get in touch with another community college," said Kearney. "We used to be able to call Central Oregon Community College at 2 p.m. if we needed to get in touch with someone at, say, Rogue. They would pass on the message."

CCOSAC is also talking about installing a teletype system for more direct communication, said Kearney.

It costs the College about \$1,000 per year or about \$10 per meeting to send students to these meetings.

"We send about nine people to each meeting and we have the largest representation of any other school," said Kearney.

Attendance at these conferences is not limited to members of ASG since any student at community college is also a member of CCOSAC.

"Other students would need valid reasons for going," said Kearney, "because there are ready so many people going and the cost is too great."

Saturdays at CCOSAC conferences are usually devoted to group meetings, committee meetings and guest speakers. These speakers talk on subjects such as the role of student government, housing discrimination and legislation. There are also reports from people such as college board members, administrators and new legislators.

There is also time for socializing as this is an important part of creating unity between student government leaders, said McCarty.

Sundays are devoted to more committee meetings and the final board of president's meeting.

Clackamas Community College will be hosting the CCOSAC spring workshop, May 19 and has been designated as the CCOSAC resource center, according to Kearney.

As the resource center, Clackamas College will receive minutes from student government meetings throughout the state and all minutes from CCOSAC meetings. These minutes will be kept on file for reference at other community colleges.

# Citizen committee adopts campaign budget

The College Citizen's Election Steering Committee adopted a tentative campaign budget of \$6,600 to be used for campaign material for the April 4 rate-based serial levy proposal election, according to Ben Hansen, committee chairperson.

The proposal calls for a tax rate of \$1.60 per \$1,000 true cash value over the next three years to meet the local share of funds necessary to operate the College and construct a science building, additional welding and body and fender instructional space, offices and remodeling for additional instructional space.

The College has no tax base and must presently have voter approval each year in order to offer its programs the following year.

The proposed rate based serial levy expires at the end of three years and a new package would have to be approved by voters at that time for the College to continue to operate.

The plan would provide stability for the College, would save the costs of yearly elections and would provide time for longer range planning.

The tentative \$6,600 budget adopted by the committee will be used for posters, postage, labels, advertising, mailing, flyers, signs, and other campaign materials.

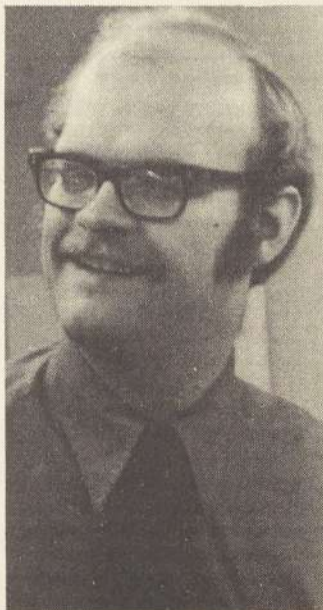
Projected amounts to be raised are \$1,700 from the CCC foundation, \$3,000 from faculty and staff, \$1,550 from possibilities such as Sing-a-long and bingo game and \$350 from external

contributions, according to Hansen.

The Sing-a-long is set for March 25 at the West Linn Inn. Admission is \$5 for "all the sausage, beer and entertainment you can consume," said Dr. John Hakanson, College president.

"We have a pianist and accordionist planned for that evening," Hansen said. "We're also trying to get some folk singers for the event and anyone that wants to bring an instrument is welcome."

"What we really need is a lot of help," Hakanson said. "I think the students and faculty



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and staff can make a considerable contribution by spending time in phoning and going door-to-door."

"We'd appreciate anything anyone can do for us. I hope people aren't just sitting back and

not doing anything to help it to pass," Hansen said.

Anyone wishing to help out is urged to leave their name with Dr. Howard Fryett, assistant to the president, at 656-2631, ext.

288. "Even if people can't be on canvas, they could leave their name so we can call to remind them to vote on election day," Hansen said.

# College financial loss attributed to decline in vet enrollment

A continual decline in veteran enrollment at the College due to the G.I. Bill delimiting date is causing financial problems for veterans as well as the College.

The term "delimiting date" means, for instance, that if a veteran was discharged from the service Feb. 20, 1968, his/her period of time to use their G.I. Bill expires Feb. 20, 1978, although delimiting dates vary with each service discharge, said John Derr, veterans coordinator at the College.

The most drastic decrease in full time equivalency (FTE) veterans enrolled at the College, according to Derr, occurred during spring term 1976. This was the delimiting date for veterans involved in the Korean conflict.

"The College was attended by 167 full time, 45 three quarter time and 40 half-time students," Derr said. This was a drop of nearly 252 veterans at the College. "It was the biggest veteran drop the College has experienced," Derr added.

The veterans from the Korean conflict were given an eight-year delimiting date which was extended up to May 31, 1976.

"The evening classes attended by these veterans were affected the worst by their absence," Derr said.

This year, Derr said, there are 476 eligible veterans at the College in which 407 are FTE students. This is a drop of 93 FTE veterans from spring term 1977.

Due to the continual decline in veteran enrollment, the College is experiencing problems financially.

"The College realizes the decrease in students and therefore must take into account this variable for future projections which has a direct effect on the budget," Derr said.

According to Bill Ryan, dean of college services, the decline in veteran enrollment is a major factor concerning the College financially.

"When the budget was proposed for the 1977-78 year two years ago, the state department

appropriated \$1,100 for FTE student enrolled at College," Ryan said.

Therefore, the absence of an individual FTE student will cost the College an additional \$1,100 loss everytime an FTE student is missing, he added.

For each FTE student enrolled, the state reimburses the College, Ryan said.

"If, for example, the state appropriated enough money for 3,000 FTE students and only 2,550 students attended school that year, the funds allotted for the absent 50 would not be distributed to the College from the state department. A revision in the College's expenditures would have to be established," Ryan said.

When asked if the veterans constituted a major portion of the financial loss, Ryan said he didn't exactly know how many veterans have dropped out of school, but the veterans must definitely make up the majority of the financial loss at the College.

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