

## Budget levy focuses on innovation, stability

### Student vote

Editor:

My conviction that the rate-based serial levy is the best way to fund the college is a greater conviction than ever. I believe this because the rate-based levy, if passed, will provide for a badly needed science complex, will eliminate the yearly shuffle for funds, and will allow for greater innovation in college curriculum. The serial levy will allow for greater innovation in college curriculum. The serial levy will allow for greater innovation in college curriculum.

There are too many reasons to vote for this short letter in their favor. I, for one, will vote for it. I hope that you who care about the college will, too.

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On Tuesday, April 4 Clackamas Community College students, along with all voters in the Clackamas County district, will be asked to vote on a three year, rate-based serial levy to help finance operations for three years. The levy will also help pay for a new science building.

More than 20,000 students took courses through the college, many of them full time students here on campus. If you, the students, make a special effort to vote on Tuesday the college will have voter approval by a large margin. In the past the college has lost some elections. In the last election we lost 35 votes out of 100,000 cast. Obviously, if a few more students had voted, those elections would have been won. We don't want that to happen again.

Students say to themselves, "I can't vote," and don't vote. This is absolutely correct. We lost by just one vote. The problem is that when thousands of students say that it makes a big difference.

Those of you who have voted in the Orchard Complex I hope to tell you how much we need a new science facility. The levy is approved on April 4. If it isn't, students will have to continue to live in a deteriorating structure. Money from the levy will allow us to begin renovations in the building for vocational curriculums.

The proposed levy is approved by voters in the college district. It would be taxed at a rate of \$1.60 per \$1,000 of

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assessed value. \$1.30 of that would be for operating and 30¢ would be for construction. Passage of the levy would give CCC a degree of financial stability it has never had before. In the past the college has held as many as three or four elections before gaining voter approval. When this happens students don't know until just before school starts in the fall whether or not there will be any school.

If a levy is not approved by the time school starts there is always the very real possibility that the college would have to close its door, or at least severely curtail its programs.

The concept of the rate-based serial levy is a taxing option approved just last year by the Oregon legislature. It has never been tried in Oregon before. Taxing bodies all over the state will be closely watching Clackamas on April 4 to see how it fares. Acceptance of this method of funding school districts could have important implications for school finance problems in Oregon.

On behalf of the Clackamas Community College Board of Directors I urge all students and staff to vote for the college on April 4. Not only will you be helping yourselves, you will be part of an initial effort to help all school districts in Oregon.

**Gary P. Cornelius,**  
Vice-Chairman  
Clackamas Community  
College Board

### Scientist speaks

To the Editor:

Scientists are not usually considered dreamers but last night I had a dream.

I dreamt there was a fine science building at Clackamas Community College, a building where the termites were all in a study case instead of in the floor, a building where the frogs lived in the terrariums instead of in the water collected between the cinder block understructure and the floor.

In my dream I saw a lab where the students could walk between the work stations with no danger of upsetting the boiling water bath on the adjacent table, where all the hot plates could be used at once without the circuit breakers cutting the electricity. The students had room to set up their plant hormone experiments and space for them to grow over the 8-week period needed for results.

I saw groups of students, young people just out of high school, older men and women training for new careers, working at individual study and conference areas between the new labs. I saw these same students graduating and going on to jobs as nurses, as water treatment

operators or off to Oregon State to finish a degree in forestry or pharmacy.

But dreams end. The biology, botany, zoology, microbiology, chemistry, physical science and geology are still in the sagging leaky structure called Orchard Center. The faculty and students work together to do the best they can in the facilities available. The maintenance people do their best to keep the roof patched, the walls propped up and the gas leaks stopped.

You can help, not just to create a dream but to provide a financially efficient building. Class size could be enlarged if adequate rooms were available thereby increasing faculty productivity. Continual maintenance money would be saved with a permanent facility. I urge your support for the serial levy April 4th so that the dreams of the people of Clackamas County can be achieved.

**Virginia Weber**  
Chairman,  
Life Science Department

### Citizenship class

To the Editor:

It shouldn't take any great effort to convince a student at CCC that he or she can learn a great deal from the variety of classes in a broad range of disciplines which are offered at the school.

But CCC students on the whole are falling down in one class CCC can't teach them—citizenship.

People in the age groups comprising the CCC student body have the worst record of participating at the polls in all elections, and they were especially apathetic during CCC's three attempts to pass an operating levy last year.

It was up to the senior citizens in the district to pass the levy. This is the group which has the hardest time getting to the polls and the group least able to pay the taxes to support CCC.

Yet they get an "A" for turning out, to see that this vital institutions says in business.

On April 4, the CCC student body has a chance to turn an incomplete into a better grade by turning out to help pass a rate-based serial levy to give CCC a stable source of operating funds for the coming year and to put up the local share of

funds for a pay-as-you-go building program to provide the campus with a badly needed new science building and an addition to Barlow Hall to make sorely-needed additional room for classes in auto body repair and painting, welding, and hydraulics and machine shop.

A successful levy election is also important to students because it will provide the local share of a pay-as-you-go building program to construct a new and badly needed science facility, plus improvements in the machine shop, automotive repair, hydraulics and industrial-technical areas.

The election campaign this year is being strongly supported by citizens in the college district, both those involved in some way with the college, and those who have no direct connection. We are very appreciative of this citizen support, and hope that the entire college family—staff and student body—is willing to match the enthusiasm and energy being expended on our behalf.

It is obvious from the turnout of senior citizens in past elections and the hard work put in by the people who serve with me on the Citizens Election Committee that many who have little or nothing to gain directly from passage of the levy believe deeply in continuation of CCC as a valuable educational, cultural and economic resource for Clackamas County.

Let's hope that this April 4 we will hear strongly from the faculty, staff and students who stand to profit much more directly from the benefits a rate-based serial levy could provide for them.

**Ben Hansen, Chairman**  
The CCC Citizens Election  
Committee

### Vote April 4

To the Editor:

By this time, every student at Clackamas should be aware that the college will be asking for voter approval of a three year, rate-based serial levy on Tuesday, April 4.

This vote is of extreme importance to college students, as it will guarantee the college will open its doors each fall for at least three years. (Crucial to those students enrolled in two-year programs!) In past

years, that guarantee has been in doubt because of the multiple elections required to get approval of an operating budget. Approval of the three year levy will give the college the opportunity to plan more efficiently, which will result in better service to you as students.

Help is still needed in the following pre-election activities. If you can help, please call my office, ext. 288.

Door-to-door flyer distribution—12 noon to 5 p.m., Saturday, April 1.

Telephoning—5 p.m. to 9 p.m., Monday, April 3.

Telephoning—5 p.m. to 8 p.m., Tuesday, April 4.

If you can't distribute a single flyer—if you can't make one telephone call, the one, all-important contribution you can make to the April 4 election effort is VOTE! Please . . . DON'T FORGET!

**Howard Fryett**  
Assistant to the President

### Letter policy

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