

Enrollment decline cited as cause

Tuition increase proposed by administration

A proposal to increase tuition at Clackamas Community College by \$15 per term for full-time students will be presented to the Board of Education by College President John Hakanson tonight.

The tuition increase comes in the wake of decreasing enrollment and the subsequent need to reduce the budget by approximately \$300,000 to \$350,000.

"We picked up approximately \$15,000 with the tuition increase," said Bill Ryan, dean of college services. "Then we tightened up the utility budget and had more income from interest and other areas. I doubt if we got cut more than three or four percent."

According to Hakanson, even with the tuition increase, the college's tuition will still be

among the lowest in the state.

"We may not be the lowest but with the increase our tuition will be average for this year and some of the schools will be increasing for next year," he said.

With the increase, tuition will make up about 13.5 percent of the budget, said Hakanson, which is about the same as it's always been.

"Other schools have the policy that tuition will make up 20 percent of their budgets and are always raising their tuition accordingly," he said.

Hakanson said that the President's Council decided to make the recommendation to increase tuition rather than to cut programs.

"It's very difficult to add

things people want and cut the budget," Hakanson said. "A large part of the increase is going to go to pay more part-time instructors for evening classes. When you have more part-time students you need more part-time teachers."

One of the areas hardest hit by the recent decision to increase tuition is the Financial Aid Office which must now recalculate everyone's aid application and reassign awards and grants and send out new award letters to students.

"It's going to take us a long time to go through everything," said Dick Thompson, financial aid officer. "It's like starting all over again and we've been working on it (getting out award letters and assessing grant amounts)

for three weeks. We really hoped they'd have made the decision before now so we didn't have to do our work over again."

According to Thompson, this will also increase the amount of money available for the Basic Education Opportunity Grants (BEOG) from \$912 to \$928.

Tuition talent grants will also be increased to meet the proposed new tuition.

"Board approved talent grants will automatically increase," Thompson said. "However, those departments, such as Student Activities which give cash awards as tuition waivers will have to make up the excess out of their budgets."

Student Activities has already made provisions for this occasion according to Jim Roberts,

student activities advisor.

"We made sure that we had the money in contingency to take care of those without cutting anywhere else," he said. "We just had to be more accurate in projecting our income."

Student Activities has already been more directly affected by the drop in enrollment since their income is directly based on full-time equivalency FTE monies.

The student activities budget, which includes student publications, student government and health services has already been cut \$3,573, according to Roberts.

"We had budgeted on an annual FTE of 3,590 and now we have to adjust to a proposed figures of 3,300," he said.

"We made a whole series of minor cuts since we didn't want to eliminate any programs. We cut about \$500 because we don't have a football rally anymore and then we cut the publications budget by \$1,000," Roberts said.

Although this was a significant amount to cut from that budget, publications advisor Randy Clark feels that she took the money from areas that will not harm the program.

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Photo by Brian Snook

With finals quickly approaching and this academic year coming to a close, many students thoughts turn towards sunny vacations on balmy beaches. Three Clackamas students were among a group who spent Memorial

day, picnicking at Cannon Beach. Above from left, Julie Ronning, Paul Byers, and Ann Breyne prepare glowing driftwood coals for a weiner roast. For other vacation ideas on the Oregon Coast, see Page 7.

'Feature' hits the stands

Feature, the Clackamas Quarterly Review, is hot off the presses and on the magazine racks at the College bookstore.

Edited by Joe McFeron with graphic design by Mary Cuddy, two College students, the magazine is filled with prose, poetry, articles, art and photography by students of the College.

The magazine is the rejuvenation of Dawn, the former literary magazine which has been missing from the campus the past two years. The magazine costs \$1.

Highlight of the magazine is a full-color cover photograph by Lorraine Stratton, science student at the College. The inside of the 44-page publication contains contributions from students in creative writing, English, graphic arts and art.

"It is hoped that this magazine will be well-received by the College community because next year student publications hopes to put out a magazine each term on a regular basis," said Randy Clark, student publications adviser.

Besides student and staff contributions, next year's magazine will include news feature articles of interest to the campus community.

"We hope to develop the publication into a true news magazine style," Clark said.

Editor of the magazine next year is Happie Thacker. Thacker is looking for staff writers, photographers and a graphic designer for next year's staff. Those interested may contact Thacker or Clark at Student Publications in Trailer B, or by calling ext. 259.

