

ASG election deadline nears

Election time draws near for the College Associated Student Government candidates and students as they prepare for the 1979-80 school year.

Petitions for ASG offices are distributed April 3 and are to be filed by Thursday. A meeting of all candidates and the President David Riggs on ethics of election procedures will follow, and April 16 and 17 is scheduled for an open forum, question-answer period at noon where students can observe candidates as they respond to questions.

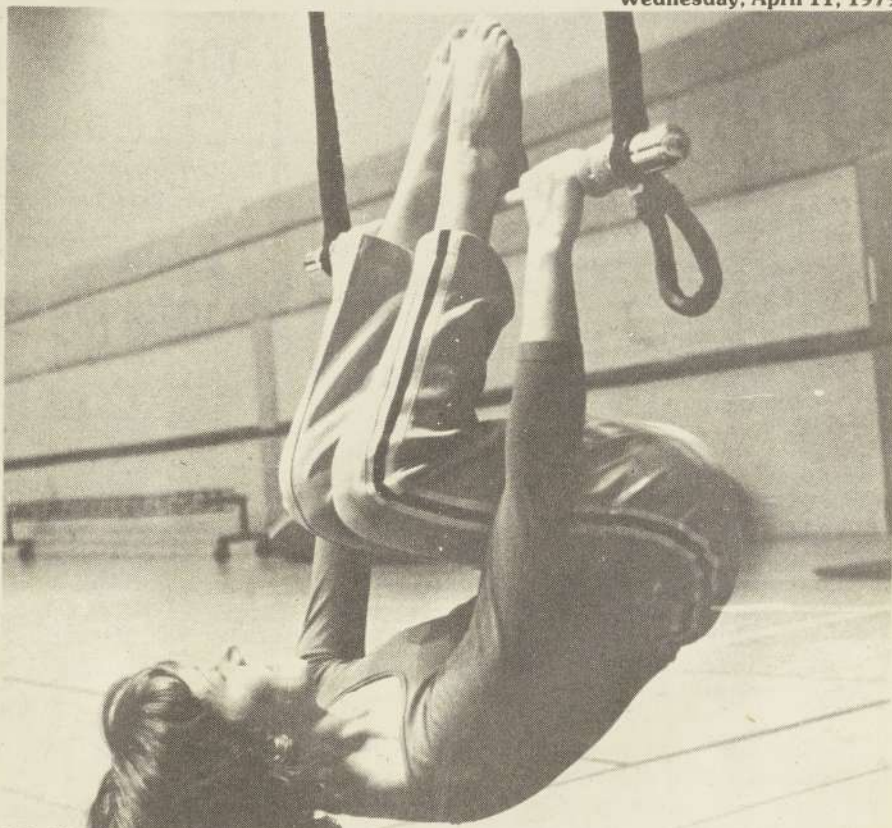
During the week of April 24 through 27, polls will be open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and

from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. If a run-off election is needed, the polls will be open May 2 through 4.

After elections, the new and existing officers will attend a retreat where ideas and policies will be discussed.

Mike McCarty, ASG president, encourages everyone to go to the polls and vote. Apathy on the part of the students is "no different than it is out there in the real world," McCarty said. "As long as things are going well, the response is little."

A dance is planned for sometime before the elections as a get-out-the-vote tactic for students, he added.



Edie Bickford, trapezist, formerly with the Shrine Circus.

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Zero-based budget wins favor

Mike Koller

The first step of the new zero-based budgeting system is to have met with favor in college department heads.

Step one of the budget process required department heads to prepare reduced budgets and rank "decision packets"—requests for additional funds—in order of importance.

Ginny Weber, life science department chairperson, believes the zero-based budgeting system is a good approach for the College. "Basically, the new system is a good idea. I think it will elicit a positive public opinion of the college because we will document where the college's budget is being used. The public will not think that money is being thrown around," Weber said.

"My only complaint was with timing," Weber said. "The decision packets were due the week of winter term. With packets scheduled then, the decision packets meant added work. I hope they won't be due at the end of the term next year."

Tom Richards, language arts department chairperson, is another who believes the system is working well.

"The zero-budgeting process gives everyone involved an idea of where priorities are in the department and division," Richards said.

Randy Clark, college publication manager, sees the system as a good idea for any institution's budget.

"It gives departments a chance to justify what they feel needs to be budgeted. Departments which in the past have been under-budgeted can now plead their case," Clark said.

According to Gary Dirrim, director of fiscal affairs at the College, communication between levels is the key to the zero-based system.

"Zero-based budgeting lets everyone know exactly what is happening. It's all up front. You can't play games," Dirrim said.

The Clackamas Community College Zero-Base Budget Manual for 1979-80 states that zero-based budgeting is "a budget-planning process based on the assumption that each expenditure must be justified." After departments submit a list of their priorities, the long review process begins for budget supervisors and budget committees on various levels.

"It's a process to re-evaluate, re-allocate and re-justify priorities submitted by the departments," Dirrim said.

But Dirrim stressed that those on the first level—the department heads—will be constantly informed of what is being done at each level of the process.

Lisa Thomas, Associated Student Government senator

and ASG budget committee member, said the system generated a lot of debate over what should be ASG's biggest priorities.

"The system worked well for us, but it was hard to decide what our top priorities should be. We decided on two new

foosball tables because they were a necessity to raise money," Thomas said.

Dirrim describes the zero-based budgeting system as "less cumbersome." He believes it will create a feasible budget for the College next year.

The Zero-Base Budget Manual best summarizes the system's main objective for the College, stating, "the process focuses on establishing decision packages and the selection of the best packages based on institutional objectives and priorities."

Scholarships open to students

Costs for college are expensive for students, and the 1979-80 school year will be no exception. However, some students can receive aid in the form of scholarships.

The College has already a small, but effective list of scholarships available to students for next year and the remainder of this term. The National Educational Society Scholarship, worth \$50, is available to students this term.

Other scholarships available for next year include, the American Association of University Women, AAUW, which is a \$150 tuition grant. It is given to a second-year student who has completed all graduating requirements and plans on furthering education at a higher institution of learning. Ap-

plicants for this scholarship will be rated on work experience in the candidates field, diversified experiences (monetary, recreational, volunteer), type of extracurricular activities, organization of thought, attitude and need. Deadline for applicants is April 27.

The Oak Grove Garden Club will be looking for an applicant for their three term or 9 month scholarship who has completed 42 hours in horticulture classes required for a Horticulture Certificate or associate degree and a 3.0 Grade Point Average. Applicants will be judged on academic ability, interest in horticulture, long range work goals and current school and community involvement. Three people will be selected: a recipient, a first alternate, and a second alternate. In case the

recipient fails to comply or leaves the College, the scholarship will go to the first alternate and so on. Application deadline is May 10.

Whittier College in Whittier, California, presented the College with two scholarships, the Alpha Gamma Sigma Scholarship, four awards valued at \$2,500 each and the John Greenleaf Whittier Scholarship, ten awards valued at \$1,500 each. Both awards are based on outstanding academic performance. Taken into consideration are the student's GPA, SAT score, strong recommendations, and for the Alpha Gamma Sigma scholarship, membership in a college chapter of alpha Gamma Sigma is required. The student must also qualify for admission to the College.

