

Prepare ye the way of tuition increases

Tuition increases have now become a yearly tradition along with Christmas and ice storms. Starting in summer term, Clackamas Community College students will be facing \$170 per term tuition compared to the \$150 currently being charged. This is a 13.3 percent increase over last term for students enrolling in 10 credit hours or more.

Why the increase? Inflation and a lack of money filtering through from the state were the two major culprits cited by College President John Hakanson. "When Governor Atiyeh found his budget \$200 million short,

obviously, things had to be cut," Hakanson said, "and we're not getting \$300,000 that we planned on getting, so we had to raise the tuition to meet operating costs."

The tuition per credit hour is being raised from \$15 to \$17 for up to 10 credits, which is then a flat fee of \$170 until a student enrolls for over 21 credits. Each credit hour over 21 will be an additional \$9.

The increase was first proposed at a special college board meeting in December and was adopted at the regular meeting in January.

This 13.3 percent increase

is a hike within a hike, compared to the '80-'81 year, which was only an 11 percent increase. All in all, tuition pays 17 percent of the College's total operating budget. Another 28 percent is obtained from Salem and Governor Atiyeh's budget. What bothers Hakanson most of all is the fact that over half the College's budget stems from the taxpayer. "We rely too much on income tax for money," he said.

The taxpayers contribution of 52 percent of the budget is the estimate the College Board has made for the '81-'83 years.

A total of 3 percent of the money is what was left over from last year, and interest. Of the \$17 tuition, \$12 goes into Student Activities for concerts and other activities, and sports. The rest goes into the general fund.

Of that general fund, 80 percent goes to instruction. "We need instruction, otherwise we don't open," Hakanson said, "and that might happen if we don't get a levy passed by June."

Despite the tax levy passage defeat in November and the tuition increase, the College might have to cut the budget

for next fall term by 10 percent. It depends on the accuracy of the board's estimates. "In the last 10 years, the College has doubled in size," Hakanson said. An example is the College's budget. In 1967, \$197,932 was needed to keep this College moving. During the '79-'80 school year, the College operated for \$16,811,223. At Tuesday's levy election, the College asked for \$23,179,358 for the next three years. The construction levy (also taken to the voters Tuesday) asked for \$7,123,688. This levy is strictly for new buildings for the future.

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Carlson wins Tuesday; re-elected on Thursday

A controversy arose concerning the election of Sean Carlson to the position of ASG vice president. The original election, held on Tuesday of last week, was overruled and reheld on Thursday. The outcome: Carlson is still the ASG's new vice president.

The confusion and controversy stemmed from a misunderstanding of the student government constitution. At the Tuesday meeting, Carlson and two other nominees were asked to give short speeches and entertained questions from the senate and executive council. After that, the student government was asked to vote.

The problems came as a result of confusion over the margin necessary for a victory.

According to the constitution, a candidate would need a two-thirds margin to win. ASG President Eric Etzel, who chaired the meeting, thought that a simple majority, 51 percent or better, would suffice. Carlson received the majority of votes, but was two votes shy of the required 66.6 percent.

It was not until the Tuesday meeting that the mistake was realized. A contingent of voting members discovered the error and brought it to the attention of the Executive Council.

At the Thursday meeting, which was held in Barlow Hall and attended by a speech class, Etzel expressed concern over the error and mentioned that some ill feelings had arisen (see related story, page 3). Said Etzel, "The one thing I hope is

that we don't have any verbal warfare on this subject."

Carlson's stiffest competition for the job came from nominee Walt McCallister, who is a senator and "a major catalyst in the Senate," said Etzel. That was the main reason the Executive Council did not endorse McCallister's campaign. They did, however, endorse Carlson. Explained President Etzel, "We could have let him (Carlson) come up through the 'ranks,' but we felt Sean would bring new blood into the student government."

The Executive Council interviewed every nominee. Etzel explained to the general body why Cindy Langley, Joe Bostic and McCallister were not endorsed.

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As of press time, the College's dual levy bills were being soundly defeated by margins of (for the maintenance bill) 41 percent for, 59 percent against, and (for the construction bill) 33 percent for and 66 percent against.

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"I remember one time, a kid came into my office looked around, then he said, 'What did you do, screw up?'" said Chuck Scott in his soon-to-be-vacated office in the Orchard building.

Many programs and offices will be shifted due to the spring term opening of the Linus Pauling Science building, and the administration's promise to the State Legislature to remove temporary space. (Money from the State is based on students versus space.)

"The trailers are unattractive, need repairs, and many people feel se-

cond class being stuck in the trailers or in Orchard when most of the offices are located in the main buildings," said Scott, assistant dean for math, science and engineering. All the trailers will be moved, and the area will be planted with grass. The trailers may be sold or leased. Plans have not yet been finalized.

The Orchard building will become the new home of security, RSVP/Senior Job Center and home economics related classes. Science classes will be moved to the Pauling Center. The Child Development Center will remain in its present location.

Two of the Orchard buildings will be put up

for lease to other organizations. They may also be used for other college programs or they may be torn down in the future.

Student Publications and the Development Office currently located in trailers are moving to Clairmont. Continuing Education will also be moved to Clairmont. Water Quality, now in Clairmont, will be moved to the Pauling Center.

The future home of Physics and classroom B-253 will be the science building. Electronics will shift to the former physics lab. The math lab will move to the first floor of Barlow. ABE/GED/ESL, now in the trailers, will move to Barlow.

Offices, classes to relocate spring term

