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Voters give college 'no confidence' vote

By David J. Hayden
Following the Feb. 17 defeat of the two proposed tax levies, the College Board met Monday, and passed a resolution calling for an operating levy to be brought before the voters March 31.

The levy, if passed, would authorize a tax rate of \$1.14 per \$1,000 true cash value for three years beginning July 1; the same rate as the previously defeated operations levy. It would provide funding only for the operational expenses of the College, and not for any construction costs. The Board tabled all considerations for a construction levy at this time.

Voters in the College tax district rejected the College's previous request for an operating levy by 7,276 to 9,476 and voted down the construction levy by 4,891 to 9,862 during the Feb. 17 special election. This followed the College's unsuccessful bid for a tax base last November.

Dr. John Hakanson, College president, commented, "I believe the levies failed both because of the general economic situation and the public's lack of awareness of the College's needs."

Hakanson further suggested that the current economic climate placed additional pressure on the College. "The focus nationally is on cutting budgets," he noted. "It is a very difficult time to raise money from the public."

"The College is in a difficult situation, however," Hakanson emphasized. "We must pass a levy to operate by June 30 when our current levy expires or the College may have to close." If we haven't passed a levy by May, Summer School will be cancelled, and if we fail to pass one by June, the majority of the staff will be suspended.

"The major objective of this institution is training people so they may become productive

members of the working force," Hakanson continued. "I find it ironic that in these economic times the public does not recognize the value of such training and support it."

High school competition offers challenge to talented students

A force of 600 to 700 high school students will hit Clackamas Community College Thursday around 0830, according to campus intelligence reports.

CCC will host the third annual Clackamas Regional Skills Competition, this Thursday. High school students from throughout Clackamas County will compete in 14 skill areas. Competitions will include academic areas such as mathematics and vocational areas such as welding.

"High school students will benefit from the experience of competing against the best," said Bob Wynia, contest coordinator. "It gives them the

Video students interning for cable and PBS

**By Tom Jeffries
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"I couldn't learn what I needed to know here. Carlos couldn't teach me, so he arranged someone who could," said Carin Cheek, one of four video technology students currently working as an intern for various cable television stations and Channel 10.

Cheek and John Bunch work together at Liberty Cable. Another student, Kevin Ervin, interns at Storer Cable while the fourth, Peter Schoop, has been working for Channel 10.

All of the internships were set up by Carlos Ricketson, the video instructor.

"I called up the people in charge and let them know that if they needed any interns I had students who were interested," he explained. "Naturally, they don't get any money for what they do, but it's good on-the-job training."

"We started about five weeks into the year," continued Cheek. "At first all we did was engineering work. We did maintenance and repair, white-balancing, and going out in the field to help set up for productions. Lately, though, we've

been able to help put programs over the air, community access and stuff like that."

"I've been applying what I already know and learning more as I go along," added Bunch, who has also been working extensively with lighting.

Ervin spent his first few weeks learning how to use Storer's editing system. He became a relatively proficient editor and now also helps with remote shoots, setting up their lighting, and general lighting maintenance.

Internships for video technology students benefit both the station and the student. Students are able to work firsthand with commercial video and learn processes and gather experience they would be unable to receive in any classroom. The stations they work for get the benefit of the students' work as he interns, and the benefit of more qualified personnel in the field after the students graduate.

"I really like the work," concluded Cheek. "I work with good people. They know what they're doing and if I have a question, they're more than willing to answer it."

chance to see how well they are trained and how well they are doing." Competition between schools is being down played this year, with the contest designed to be more of a personal challenge. Awards will be sent to high schools for presentation.

The contest also serves as a college visitation. Students will have the chance to talk with College instructors.

The Clackamas County Educational Service District, a taxpayer-supported organization, is sponsoring the Regional Skills Competition. The expense to the College is time and space. One objective of the contest is to show the quality of

education to the community, according to the ESD. The ESD says, too, that the event "promotes school to college articulation and express cooperation among residents of Clackamas County."

High schools involved in the competition are Lake Oswego, Estacada, Gladstone, West Linn, Molalla, Lakeridge, and Oregon City. Students attending the Owen Sabin Occupational Skills Center will also be competing. There will be competitions in accounting, auto body, auto mechanics, business education, drafting, electronics, journalism, life sciences, machining, marketing and job interviewing.

