

# At ASG meeting Budget blues, smokeless sectors discussed

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Fear of the budget being bombed, anticipation over the annual ASG elections and plans to stomp out smoking (in selected sectors) dominated last week's student government meeting.

The March 31 budget election took "Most Favored" status Thursday, as plans were drawn up to aid in the passing of the crucial election. ASG President Eric Etzel said, "It's very important that the ASG works hard for this election. We've got to get everybody who enrolls here to vote. It's been said that if every student in the school voted, we could pass the election."

The College will ask voters to pass a maintenance levy in the upcoming election. It is the same levy that was soundly defeated in the Feb. 17 election. At that time, the school was asking for money on two separate levies, one for maintenance and one for construction. Both failed. This time, only the maintenance bill is being put before the voters.

The student government has agreed to work toward the passing of the levy. Etzel said volunteers from the student body were needed. "We're going to hand out sign-up sheets at registration. It'll ask your name, phone number and how you will vote. Then, on the Tuesday before the election, we'll call the 'Yes-Votes' and remind them to vote," said Etzel.

The second major topic discussed at the meeting was the upcoming ASG officer elections. According to Vice President Sean Carlson, the elections will be held from 12 to 8 p.m. on March 22, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on March 23, and 10 a.m. to noon on March 24.

Elected positions on the executive council include president, vice president, secretary and business manager (treasurer). The appointed positions are media, art, and activities directors, administrative assistant and assistant to the president.

Petitions for those interested in campus politics will be available March 12 in the ASG office.

Dominating the "committee reports" section of the meeting was a report from the "no-smoking" committee. Assistant to the President Joe Schweizer is on that committee and predicted big changes in the near future.

A survey was taken last term by the committee to see how the student body would react to a "no smoking" area.

"The survey went about 3-to-1, non-smokers to smokers," said Schweizer. The results: as of next term, tobacco may be taboo in designated sectors around campus.

The new section of the cafeteria, now under construction, will be such an area. The ASG and chief chef Norm Grambusch have been consulted with, and have agreed on the suggestion.

Other suggested abstinence areas will include the Linus Pauling Center. Said Schweizer, "The entire science building will be 'no smoking.' It's an administrative policy, due to explosive chemicals being used there. Also, there'll be no Servomation machines."

Other no-smoking areas will be the Community Center's Fireside Lounge (during performances only) and Clairmont's lounge.

## Registration revamped

Using the New Data General System, registration is expected to run more smoothly because of the technology of this system. The "Tec" system "works really well," said Adams, even though there would be a problem if there was a power shutdown. Adams and his department are now working on a backup system of "paper and pencil" if such a power shortage happened.

Adams also stressed that "students should use their social security numbers" and not others' because of the need for accurate transfer into the system from their schedules. The new system eliminated the need for part-time help and is more accurate, Adams said. The Data General System was developed by Roger Smith and Charles Adams specifically for Clackamas Community College.

"We're not sure yet about Clairmont," said the vice president. "To put fans in the lounge would take massive structural changes, filters and

such. We're looking into 'smokeless ashtrays,' to be mounted on the tables. We'll have to check on the financial aspect of that, though."

Schweizer said the committee will also ask the ASG for \$100 to purchase six dozen signs. "They'll probably say 'Thank you for not smoking,'" said Schweizer, "but we have to be careful. The committee has to consider the rights of

everyone, the smokers and non-smokers alike."

The rest of the Thursday meeting was business as usual. Business Manager Cindy Vetter announced that the school has purchased plant hangers for the Recreation Center. Also, controversy arose over the placing of a Servomation machine on the second floor of McLoughlin Hall. Informal surveys were held among the staff members who have offices there, and 60 percent were for the placing of a vending machine, 40 percent were against the idea. However, the no-votes were adamant. Most

of those spoken to would rather the machine be installed downstairs. An ASG committee already exists to implement the installment of the machine.

To round out the 60-minute meeting, the constitution for the neophyte CCC Basketball Club was introduced and discussed. It will be voted on at this week's meeting. The constitution for the CCC Women's Tennis Club was approved.

And finally, yet another new senator has joined the ranks of the student government. Michele Wurdinger is the new solon, replacing Duane Woods.

## Refugee's life spotlighted

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"The guards were eyeing my mother and I suspiciously as we stood anxiously waiting for our passports to be checked over. Finally, both the Russian and the East German guards checked us through. Waiting for the train to leave...seemed like forever...the train wouldn't leave. I thought for sure we'd had it then."

Although they are just childhood memories now, those images from College student Renate Conner, now 36, were relayed with vivid reality as she spoke on the topic, "Radical Transitions: When values are challenged and changed," at a Focus on Women seminar last Tuesday night.

"During the first few months of life I spent much of the time in the cellar because of the bombings that were going on," Conner recalled of her childhood during World War II.

The first major change for her occurred when, in her hometown of Brandenburg (about two hours east of Berlin), the Russian rule came into effect. Suddenly everything had to be done the Russian way. The Russians taught in their schools. If before the war a teacher had been a nominal member of the Nazi Party, after the war he was not allowed to teach. That

eliminated all German teachers because it was a German requirement that one be a nominal member of the Nazi Party in order to teach. The

Russians brought in teachers or picked people off the streets.

"I knew of one man who one week was a boxer and the next week became a teacher," recalled Conner.

In order to be included in any activities, a student in post-war Germany had to be a member of the Young Pioneers, a communist youth party. "In school, if you weren't a Young Pioneer, you were excluded from school outings, you couldn't use the school library and you couldn't go on to higher education," said Conner. Teachings included Russian history, the Russian language, and in order to go to high school or an apprentice job, students were required to take "Youth Dedication," a 10-week course on evolution. "I didn't get to join the Young Pioneers until the year before we left. My mother and grandmother were strongly opposed to it," she said.

The highlight of Conner's talk was her description of her escape with her mother, brother and grandmother from communist East Berlin to freedom in West Berlin when she was 12 years old. "My mother had been denounced by the authorities in East Berlin. The minimum sentence

for her offense was 5,000 marks and 25 years in jail," explained Conner.

They had to act quickly and try to escape to West Berlin to avoid her mother being picked up. (She later found that it was her father, living in West Berlin, who had reported her mother to the authorities. They were divorced and her father was tired of paying alimony, she said.)

"We had to tell the authorities that we were going to visit relatives in West Berlin. Mother's description was sure to have been given to the border patrol by then so we had to split up, with Grandmother and brother leaving the next morning," she explained.

"I remember as we stood there, waiting for the train to leave, it took so long, longer than usual. The guards came again and thoroughly checked my mother's passport. I thought for sure they'd recognize her and she'd be jailed, but they didn't and the train left."

After Renate, her brother, grandmother and mother were all reunited at the West Berlin refugee camp some three weeks later, they resettled in Frankfurt.

Renate eventually married an American soldier and was introduced to American living while her husband was fighting in the Vietnam war.

## Grad placement fills job market in metro area

"For those who are trained, there are a lot of jobs in the Portland area," said Marv Thornley, College placement officer.

The vocational programs offered at the College that have the greatest job opportunities at the present are: accounting, drafting, nursing, electronics and secretarial fields. Demand for these jobs are expected to remain steady.

About 80 percent of the students enrolled in vocational areas only take part of the program. These students are often

looking for a quick way to train for a well paying job, according to Thornley. The College is convenient for this, hours are flexible enough that a person can work and attend college.

"Tektronix hires people to work as fast as we can train them," said Thornley. There is a shortage of trained people to fill positions in the rapidly growing fields of electronics and computers.

Many light industry firms are considering the Portland area for industrial parks. The Portland Chamber of Com-

merce gets about 30 requests a month for information by out-of-state industrial firms. Next year, the College will offer a

program in industrial mechanics. The demand for workers trained in industrial mechanics is expected to increase as more industries move into the Portland area. The course will combine mechanical and electronic training.

Accounting is another growing field, especially cost accounting.

