

College unveils livestock facility

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area for sows and their litters and two livestock handling laboratories will be used for the animal's medical needs.

The center will also have storage space, restrooms, first aid, and office space. A trained livestock manager and assistant will provide 24 hour supervision of the livestock.

The building has separated areas for sheep, swine, and cattle. The areas are designed to match the animal behavior with special sloping floors to accommodate the animals' defecation habits.

The floors are automatically cleaned by timer controlled flushing tanks which washes away animal waste into an underground channel. The channel drains into a 90,000 gallon aeration tank 50 feet away. "The aeration tank and flushing system will greatly reduce the smell," Lynn Reagan, animal sciences in-

structor, said.

The waste settles to the bottom of the aeration tank, and the clear water on top will be pumped back into the flushing system, he explained. The aeration tank oxidizes the waste into fertilizer, which can be used on campus lawns.

A methane gas generator will be added to the center in the future when funds are available. The methane gas will be used to heat and cool the green house.

The Animal Science Center will also be open for educational uses by elementary school children, 4-H and Future Farmers of America groups, professional farmers, and community groups.

"Enrollment in agriculture programs at CCC is increasing and I'm sure with the addition of the Animal Science Center, enrollment will increase at a faster rate" Reagan said.

Delaney peers into future

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President Reagan has officially declared that the nation is in a recession.

Interest rates are sky high and the unemployment rate is continually rising. Everyone who has a job or who can't find one is painfully aware of the problems facing the people of the United States, but no one seems to know the answers.

"I only know what I read in the papers, and I read a lot," commented Peter Delaney, economics instructor at the college since September of 1968. "What's going to happen to the economy in the near future is the \$64 billion question. I'd say it's going to get considerably worse before it gets better."

If the situation looks bad for the nation, it looks worse in Oregon. "Nationwide unemployment is at 7.5 percent, but in Oregon it is over 10 percent," Delaney said. The biggest reason for that is that Oregon is largely dependent on the forest products industry, which supplies wood for housing and construction companies.

"The problem is that these companies are vulnerable to the rate of interest," Delaney stated. Each one percent of the unemployment figures represents approximately one million people.

"The economy is not only hurting people, but big business as well," he added. "High interest rates are one of the most difficult problems to combat. Higher interest rates are not only a result of inflation, but contribute to it as well."

Delaney explained that businesses must make investments in order to keep up in competition. "They borrow at one rate and must make their returns are higher than their costs for successful operation," he said.

Delaney noted that though inflation is dropping, the current situation isn't as rosy as the Reagan administration had hoped.

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"The economy is not only a financial situation but political as well," Delaney commented. "If the Reagan administration decides to borrow more money Congress, the federal reserve board and President Reagan must decide the next move. If

the government decides to borrow more money, the interest rates will rise once again."

"The outlook for the future is rather dim," summed Delaney. "Unemployment will probably get worse-maybe up to 12 percent."

Briefs

Gem show not taken for granite

Demonstrations in faceting, bead enameling, and carvings of rocks of minerals were among the displays at the 18th annual Clackamette Mineral and Gem Corporations held Nov. 14 and 15 at the College.

More than 450 visitors were there despite the foul weather, making the turnout a little less than was expected.

"I liked the rocks," commented Kristin Holmes, one of the visitors. "The variety of rocks were interesting as well as pretty."

Some of the rocks on display were opals, garnets, agates, jade, petrified wood, sunstones, jasper, malachite,

amethyst, and many others.

The gem show also featured door prizes, auctions, sales, fluorescent show and a display of arrow heads.

Governor on campus

OREGON CITY--Oregon Governor Victor Atiyeh will visit the College today from 2-3:30 p.m.

This will be the first visit by the Governor to the College. The short tour will consist of a stroll through the grounds, with a stop at the recently dedicated Linus Pauling Science Center. The Animal Science Center, nearly completed, will also be on the tour.

The Governor will also conduct a "press conference" with the journalism classes and reporters from The Print, during the visit.

Meeting planned

OREGON CITY--The Clackamas Community College Foundation elected new officers at its annual meeting, October 28, at the Sunnyside Inn in Clackamas.

The Foundation, whose purpose is to "provide scholarships and assist in sponsoring additional educational opportunities" for students and the community, re-elected Tom Disch as President for the 1981-82 term.

The 14-year-old organization also elected Duane Price, first vice-president; Duane Ed-

monds, second vice-president; Don Krause, secretary; Georg Nickels, treasurer; and Gary Dennison, historian.

Also discussed at the meeting was the foundation's next fund-raising project, a methane gas generator to complete the waste recycling system designed for the College's new Animal Science Center. The digester will be used as a teaching model and alternative fuel source as it turns the animals' waste into odorless fertilizer and useable gas for heating.

The Foundation also has plans to expand its current 18-member board of directors for this next fiscal year.

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