

Colleges struck with 9.1 percent budget trimming

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The Oregon legislature concluded the record six-week special session on Monday night, ending the community colleges' anticipation of budget cuts to come.

Roger Bassett, lobbyist for the Oregon Community Colleges Association, said that the adjournment will cause two significant things. First, every community college will have a reduction of approximately 9.1 percent in funding. Secondly, the legislature reduced the property tax relief.

Clackamas Community's total budget will be cut back a total of \$324,840, Bassett explained. This will result in a reduction of 350 state-funded Full Time Equivalent (FTE) students. That will reduce the College to 3,094 funded FTE's. The FTE is the measure for reimbursement of state funds.

Reduction in the property tax relief was hotly debated in the special session, and will be a "...shot in the arm for any 'Property 13'-type bill," Bassett feels. Property 13 was a California bill that placed a ceiling on the amount of money a school district, college, or university could bring in.

In 1980, Ballot Measure Six was presented and defeated in Oregon. It was similar to Proposition 13. If the measure had passed, it would have cut back the budgets for the 13 Oregon community colleges from \$6,100,000 to \$1,700,000.

"Even a symbolic cut in the property tax relief could hurt us," Bassett said, claiming that this will reduce incentives for property tax payers to vote for levies.

College President John Hakanson is anticipating a tightened budget for the upcoming year. "We'll have less money next year, due to a loss

of tuition, a loss in the assessed property value in the county, and of course, the losses on the state level," he said.

Even though the funding for FTE's will drop, Hakanson doesn't expect a correlating drop in enrollment. "We're projecting an enrollment of 3,500 students, but we'll just have to fund 350 of them differently."

The most noticeable change in the formats of most community colleges will be in the off-campus type classes. "The students affected will be mostly part-time, mid-20's, test-the-waters type of students," Bassett feels. "The off-campus classes are a 'low threat' offering. They draw in people who are considering going to school, but haven't made up their minds yet. We'll be losing that opportunity if we pull back."

Most of Oregon's community colleges have reported to Bassett that they will attempt to hold the line on tuition increases. "Most of the colleges currently increase tuition to keep pace with inflation," Bassett said.

Bids opened on new computer for instruction, administration

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Bids have been opened for a mini computer that will aid the College's instructional and administrative needs.

"The computer will benefit the realm of instruction," Inouye Tsuyoshi, data processing officer, stated, who confirmed the bid opening Tuesday.

Three vendors have submitted bids for an IBM, DECK and a Data General. A final decision is expected soon.

If the College were to receive the Data General, it will



Staff photo by Kristi Blackman
UNION REPRESENTATIVE BOB Millick walks in front of the Professional Center construction site for Local 1020 Carpenters Union. The \$2 million contract will be completed by non-union labor, despite Millick's efforts.

be the first community college in Oregon to have them in use, although that would not require any extra training," Inouye said, "but the other two will."

The new system will open new areas of instruction. "We will be able to offer a computer sciences program," Inouye said. "We will be able to offer more courses in computer-related fields."

"The computer-related instruction will help instructors develop programs and benefit administration activities," he stated.

The computers will also be used as a back-up system for the current system during registration and for payroll functions.

The future outlook, according to Inouye, is that the new computer will stunt administrative growth. "Within the next three to five years the growth in administration will be going at a

faster rate than instructional growth," claimed Inouye. "At that time there will be a need for a switch to a larger computer growth."

Class on St. Helens scheduled in spring

Meet St. Helens in person, though it's only a brief aerial encounter.

The College's science department is offering students a chance to fly over Mt. St. Helens for one credit. The course, "Geology of Mt. St. Helens" is being offered spring term.

Students will spend a Saturday, April 3, learning about St. Helens before the flight over the mountain. A \$35

fee in addition to tuition is required for taking the course. The class has a limit of 75 students.

Marv Beeson the head of Portland State University science department will instruct the eight-hour class which will

include films and slides on volcanoes. Beeson will also explain what to look for on the flight over the mountain.

The flight over the mountain may, or may not be held the same day as the class. Wayne Wright, Chairperson of the College science depart-

ment, said several Saturdays have been scheduled for the flight in the event of overcast weather which could obscure viewing.

Beeson will accompany students on the flights over the mountain and point out things of interest. Wright commented,

"It's much better to take the class and know what you are looking at rather than just taking the flight on your own."



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