

# Candidate for superintendent speaks to ASG

State Senator Rod Monroe, a candidate for the office of State Superintendent of Public Instruction, spoke before the Associated Student Government last week.

"We have to change the way we support schools in this state," Monroe said of school financing at the Thursday meeting. "I'm calling for at least 50 percent support from the state level." Oregon is listed number 46 (fourth from the bottom) in state support for schools.

Monroe also believes in strengthening local control of schools, by "providing services

to local school districts which enable them to better serve the needs of their communities."

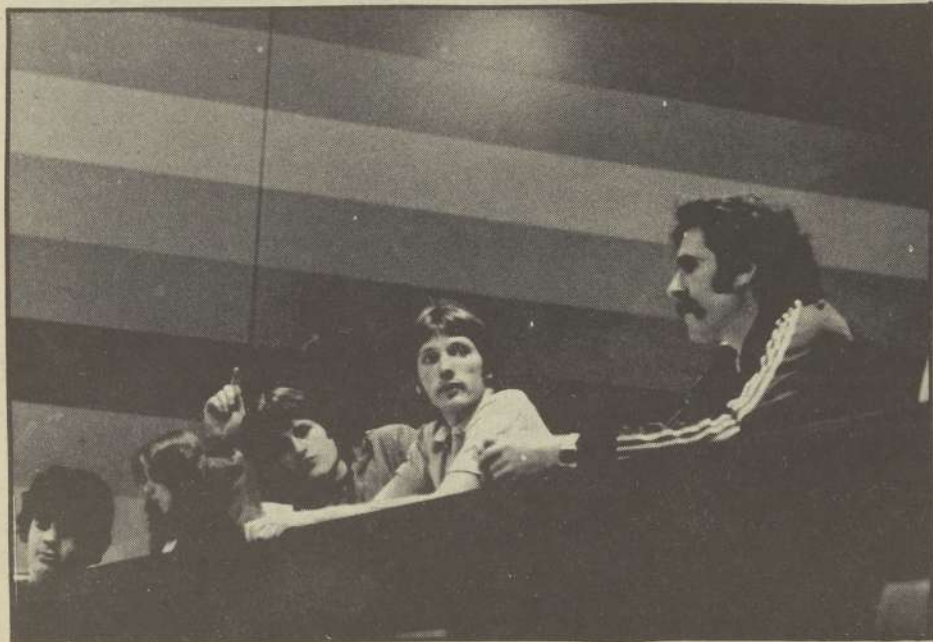
Monroe, 39, is a 3-term Oregon legislator. He has been a teacher for 17 years, and currently teaches at Tigard High School.

The Senator said community colleges are an important part of the educational system. "With all the new technology, the types of jobs are changing constantly. We have to train people for these jobs, and the community colleges are where we'll do that," he said. "Universities have been raising tuition so much

that they're keeping people out. That's where the community colleges fit in."

Monroe has served on educational finance committees in the state Senate and House of Representatives. He has received endorsements for his campaign from the AFL-CIO, the Oregon Educational Association, and the American Federation of Teachers.

The job of superintendent is a nonpartisan post, and there is no limit to the number of terms a person can serve. The incumbent, Verne Duncan, has served in the office for the last eight years.



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ADVISOR DAVE BUCKLEY and ASG members discuss concerns at a recent meeting.

## Letter writing idea tops ASG agenda

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Lee Fawcett, assistant dean of student aid and support services, suggested that the students start writing letters to senators concerning the Federal Financial Aid cuts at last Thursday's Associated Student Government meeting. "Congress needs to hear from people who are being affected by these cuts," he said.

April 19 there will be a "Candidates Fair" for persons running for U.S. Congressional 5th District. Those candidates who will be attending are Greg Kaufman, Larry Gray, Dave McTeague, and Ruth McFarland. Mike Penski has yet to be contacted. The fair will begin at 11 a.m. and will be held in the Fireside Lounge.

Students will get a chance to listen to the candidates and also ask them questions. "There will be more candidates here who will be running for other positions such as county commissioner, superintendent of the State School Board, and state representative for the 23rd District," Sam Crosby, ASG president said. "They will not take part in the fair, but they will be here if students wish to talk with them."

State Senator, Rod Monroe, who is running for state superintendent of public instruction, was the guest speaker at the ASG meeting. Monroe gave a short presentation of himself and what he believes in and asked the ASG to help him with his campaign

(See story, page 4). As quoted in his pamphlet, he will "bring to this job 17 years' experience as a classroom teacher, success as owner of a small business, and three terms as an Oregon legislator, working on he committees most important to education. I also bring the concern of a parent who knows exactly what's at stake--the future of our children."

There will be an anti-nuclear rally on campus, April 22. In a letter written by Marsha Meyers, acting dean of humanities, the ASG was asked to help sponsor the rally. ASG passed a motion that they "cannot support" the rally. Crosby feels that the ASG cannot lend support to a controversial issue without letting the student body vote first.

Also on the agenda was the resignation and dismissal of two senators. Kim Smith has resigned and Rebecca Coleman has been dismissed. Coleman is no longer a student at the College, but failed to resign. Two senator positions are open and nominations will take place this Thursday.

Concerning this Saturday's softball game against Portland Community College student government members, the ASG has been considering moving the game to Sunday. Steve Vohs, ASG business manager, suggested that the game be moved to Sunday so we can help with the High School track meet that's supposed to be held here Saturday." Discussion will take place at the meeting this Thursday.

## ELC schedules auction

An auction to benefit John Inskip Environmental Learning Center and the New Outlook Early School is scheduled this Saturday from 7-11 p.m. at the Milwaukie Center in North Clackamas Park.

This is the Outlook School's third year for the auction and the first year it is sharing the event with the John Inskip Center.

"There are a number of projects our share of the money could be used for," said Charles Puckett of the En-

vironmental Learning Center, "but it will probably be used to remodel the trailer." The trailer serves as the center's recycling depot.

The auction, featuring Clackamas County Commissioner and College Board member Ralph Groener as one of the auctioneers, will include live music, casual entertainment, assorted wines, and gourmet hors d'ouerves. Advance tickets are \$15.

Among the many items planned to be auctioned off are furniture, jewelry, art work, and even a sailboat cruise.

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## College offers cooking for kids

The College's Child Development Center is offering a class entitled "Junior Chefs," designed to help include children in the creative process of food preparation.

Carolyn Knutson, chairperson of the home economic department, said that the class is held every

Monday and Tuesday from 3 to 5 p.m., for children of College students and staff. The class is available for kids ages 4 through 6.

The instructor Debbie Schutz, early childhood aid, offers two-hour sessions for five weeks. "Debbie is teaching the children cooking vocabulary,

names of utensils, how to read recipes, and will teach them to recognize the tastes of various ingredients, and what you get when you add them to food," Knutson said.

Each session includes eight children, and Schutz will try to teach them to prepare several recipes each time.

Originally, the class was to be held only once a week, but the response was so overwhelming, Knutson said, that the Tuesday class was added. "We'll be adding another session in May," she said. The class began this term.

"Childcare is a very important service for a community college," Knutson said. The average age of a student at the College is 27. The Child Development Center watches children between the ages of six months and six years in the Orchard Center, room 132.



JUNIOR CHEFS CLASS teaches cooking to children like these two young chefs.

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