

1982-83 scholarship funding lost in limbo

By J. Dana Haynes
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The College Financial Aid office will be sending out letters to applicants this week. Unlike past years, however, these letters will not tell the students how much assistance they will be receiving because as of now; no one knows.

Financial Aid Officer Scott Fischer explained that the state

and national congresses have yet to make a decision on college appropriations. Until they do, colleges across the nation will not know how much money they will be allotted for student aid.

The appropriations in question include Supplemental Grants, Work Study and National Direct Student Loans.

Even when the information is available, Fischer doubts

it will be good news. "We're expecting as much as a 20 percent cut in the College-Based Programs," he said. College-Based Programs are those which the colleges apply for, not grants that are automatically bestowed upon schools.

"We have received a tentative awards notice for the next year," Fischer said. "However, that is kind of a Russian Roulette game. The

"tentative" tells us how much we may receive, but we never know how accurate that is."

In past year, the tentative awards notice has been mailed to the College around early May, with the final notice going out approximately now.

The Financial Aid Office has mailed out the letters to each applicant, explaining the delay. The applicants have already paid a minimum processing fee of \$11.

The delay may be detrimental to students who have not decided which school they will attend next year. "If the students have any questions about the aid they might receive, they should call our office," Fischer said.

The College was notified of a substantial cut in the National Direct Student Loan already, Fischer said. However, the College appealed for a lighter cut. "Our NDSL default rate is down to about 12 percent, which is good for a community college," Fischer said. "So the appeal was approved."

Fischer said that his office is expecting final word from the government in late June or early July. At that time, aid applicants will be notified.

Students with questions should contact the financial aid office at ext. 422.

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Pucci elected president of union

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Cyndi Pucci, a reading instructor at the College was elected Tuesday president of the Clackamas Community College Education Association. She ran unopposed. Ginny Weber, a life sciences instructor, was elected vice-president of the facility association.

The faculty senate elections were voided because two names were left off the ballot. The senate elections will be reheld today, Pucci said. There was no majority write-in for the position of Secretary Treasurer. The position will be appointed by the senate.

Pucci hopes to develop a more assertive faculty. "We have to be a constant presence, a watchdog. The Boards decisions often contradict the College's academic mission," she said.

She added, "We can't always win but we can make them take notice and make them think twice the next time," referring to the association's recent stand against the hiring of a new financial aid officer, which the association believed to be unnecessary.

However, being assertive does not mean "running



CYNDI PUCCI

Staff photo by Duane Hiersche

amuck," she said. The faculty association has to continue to use a professional approach in dealings with College administration. Pucci hopes to develop a better relationship between college administration. Pucci hopes to develop a better relationship between college administration and faculty.

Weber said, "I'll try to take some of the work load off the president's shoulders. It's a big job for one person."

Another goal of Pucci's is to increase participation and input of association members. She also hoped to increase communication among members.

College presidents vote to axe travel

By Tracy M. Sumner
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Should the decision on whether to allow the athletes of Oregon's community colleges to compete on a national level be made on a statewide basis, or should the decision be left to individual college districts?

A vote by the Oregon Community College Association presidents held last July, if it becomes fully operative, will eliminate nationals travel and participation by athletic teams from the state's community college beginning next Fall.

The decision would also bring about a merger between the Oregon Community College Athletic Association (OCCAA) and the Washington Athletic Association of Community Colleges (WAACC) to provide post-season competition.

"It was suggested to SAIAC (Student Activities and Inter-Collegiate Athletic Association) that we investigate the possibility of post-season play with the Washington leagues," said Jim Roberts, Dean of Students at Clackamas Community College and SAIAC chairman.

According to Roberts, the merger has been approved by

the presidents of both Washington and Oregon's community colleges and could become operative by Fall of 1983.

"Right now, our objective is to merge by September of 1983," Roberts said. "Washington now has 20 schools in three leagues. Oregon's schools could make up the fourth league."

"Next year we can compete in regionals," he continued. "We still belong to the NJCAA (National Junior College Athletic Association), but we won't be competing in the nationals."

The Oregon Community Colleges involved in the merger include Clackamas, Lane of Eugene, Mt. Hood of Gresham, Chemeketa of Salem, Central Oregon of Bend, Umpqua of Roseburg, Blue Mountain of Pendleton, Treasure Valley of Ontario, Southwestern Oregon of Coos Bay, and Linn-Benton of Albany.

Portland, Clatsop, and Rogue Community Colleges may enter the new league in the future. The latter two don't operate athletic programs presently.

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