

Nastari suggests sanctions against CCOSAC debtors

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The Community College's of Oregon Student Associations and Commissions met last weekend to discuss policy changes, including one proposal to enforce membership fees.

The resolution was proposed by Paul Nastari, president of the Clackamas Community College Associated Student Government.

The proposal is aimed at solving the problem of nonpayment by CCOSAC members. There are 13 community colleges in Oregon, and all are currently members of the organization.

"This year, we had no deadlines for dues payments," Nastari said. "Right now, only about half of the colleges have paid their dues, and the year is more than half over."

The membership dues,

also known as housekeeping fees, are approximately \$275 per college. This year, for the first time, the housekeeping fees also contain the cost of maintaining a Political Involvement Committee (PIC), boosting the dues to \$411 per college. The PIC is a lobbying committee, based at the state capitol in Salem.

The funding resolution was not voted upon at the meeting, which was held at Blue Mountain Community College in Pendleton, Or. According to the CCOSAC constitution, any resolution or bill submitted at one meeting cannot be voted upon until the following meeting, to give each college a chance to study and evaluate the proposal.

The next CCOSAC meeting will be held on April 8-9, at Southwestern Oregon Community College in Coos Bay. Nastari's bill will be voted upon then. "I anticipate it will pass," Nastari said. The resolution states that

The resolution states that member colleges must pay their yearly dues by or before the Fall term meeting. One meeting in held per term.

The proposal goes on to suggest that any school which does not pay its share of the housekeeping fees by the due date will lose their right to vote on CCOSAC business.

If accepted, the resolution will go into effect for next year. To help the problem of nonpayment for this year, Nastari suggested last weekend that any college which has not paid its dues by the April meeting will lose its right to vote, effective immediately. The suggestion was unanimously approved.

The Print unveils two new features

Beginning this week, The Print will present two new features.

The first is Restaurant Review, by staff writer Troy Maben (Please see story, Page 3). In this column, we will take a look at the eateries in the vicinity of the College and report on the food, the service and the ambience, and rate each establishment on a scale of one-to-ten.

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The second new feature will be a multi-part analysis of the College's extensive foreign student body (Please see story, Page 6). We will look at the problems inherent in being at a foreign school, and compare and contrast life here in their native countries.

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The Print hopes these two new features will give our readership a better picture of the College and Clackamas County.

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\$7,800 debt feared College cafeteria raises prices 20 percent

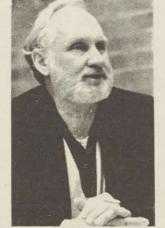
By Doug Vaughan Of The Print A 20 percent raise in

A 20 percent raise in cafeteria prices has brought a great deal of concern from Clackamas Community College students, but Administrative Dean of College Services and Planning Bill Ryan, feels the prices still comply with other local community colleges.

"When we compared with Portland Community College we found their prices were 20 percent higher and they are subsidized," Ryan said at last week's Associated Student Government meeting. "That is when the stuff hit the fan."

The College's cafeteria program is not subsidized by the College and Ryan feels asking the Board of Education for money would be like, "waving a red flag in front of a bull."

The Board has been supportive of the cafeteria's financial burden and has not said anything about the current debt, Ryan said. As of the



Food Service Supervisor Norm Grambusch

beginning of Fall term the cafe was in debt \$59,000, and it added on another \$19,000 during the term.

"It was just a matter of dollars and cents," Norm Grambush, supervisor of food service, said. "We took a look at the portions and made sure there was no waste. We were sure of that, so we had to take price raises."

The only bottom line to look at is that we are in the hole," Ryan said. "Norm (Grambush) argued with me about the price raise, but you see we had to raise them." Ryan said the problem has

Ryan said the problem has been kept low-key and not much has been said about it. He feels the 20 percent increase will enable the cafe to continue to narrow the debt gradually.

One problem that the food service organization faces is that their employees wages are approximately 40 percent higher than other community college kitchens. It is projected that in 1984 the average kitchen help will make \$3.80 per hour. At the College now the wages vary from \$5.32-\$5.57 per hour, Ryan said. When extra benefits are added in the salary coms out to be between \$7.50 and \$8 an hour, Ryan estimated. The reason for the high wages is that once an employee works more than half-time (20 hours a week) then they become part of the bargaining committee. If they were to cut all employees down to half time they would be in violation of the union contract.

The only possible way for the College to cut wages is if they totally discontinued the union contract, and then contract out to a catering company. The problem with that, Ryan said, is that the food quality will go down and the prices will go up.

Another solution that Ryan brought up was to renegotiate with the union to reduce wages. Ryan is against looking at that option.

At the Feb. 10 ASG meeting Ryan and Grambush replied to concerns from students and explained the situation. One suggestion by a student was to start a food service program run by students like a similar one at Chemeketa Community College.

Ryan agreed that the program would reduce the wages considerably, but that the kitchen at the College was not big enough. The College also has an agreement with other community colleges to do with specialized course offerings.

Ryan said that the month of January was the most productive month so far for the cafeteria even though they still ended up losing money. He feels with the increase they will be in the black.

"We are not interested in making a profit," Ryan said. "I will feel comfortable in the black--we do not want to go any further."

Ryan does not want to do anything more with the cafeteria situation for a month. After evaluating the next month Ryan feels if they still are losing money they might have to drop an employee. Grambush remarked that they already let two employees go last year.

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