

EVENTS CALENDAR

Wednesday, April 6	Thursday, April 7	Friday, April 8	Saturday, April 9	Tuesday, April 12
Human Services Coalition	Seminar: "Eliminating Self-Defeating Behavior"	Open Recreation	Dance Festival	Workshop: "Goal-setting"
3-5 p.m.	7-10 p.m.	6-9 p.m.	8 a.m.-4 p.m.	9 a.m.-3 p.m.
CC101	Small Dining Room	Randall Gym	R 101, 11, 12, Randall Lobby, Gym	Holly Farm Mall

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Community Colleges

Voters nix four of seven school levies

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Seven Oregon community colleges went before the public with funding requests last week. Three schools passed their levies, while four others were handed defeats.

The three community colleges that won their funding fights were Blue Mountain of Peridot, Chemeketa of Salem and Clatsop of Astoria. All three schools presented "A" ballots only. An "A" ballot is a request for funding to maintain current services, as opposed to a "B" ballot, which is used for building and program expansions.

The Blue Mountain Com-

munity College ballot was passed by a margin of 5,391 to 3,987, with 57 percent in favor. Chemeketa's funding request was passed 13,060 to 12,151 for 51 percent. The voters in Clatsop County passed their college's ballot by a margin of 2,905 for and 2,576 against, or 53 percent in favor.

The colleges which went down in defeat were Treasure Valley of Ontario, Southwestern Oregon Community of Coos Bay, Linn Benton of Albany, and Lane of Eugene.

Lane Community College's funding request came in the form of a three-year maintenance serial levy.

SWOC and Linn Benton both presented "A" and "B" ballots, all of which met defeat.

SWOC's "A" ballot was denied with 4,188 for and 6,463 against, or only 39 percent of the voters in favor. Their "B" ballot received 3,970 for and 6,807 against, for a mere 36 percent.

Linn Benton's "A" ballot garnered 9,036 votes for and

9,807 against, for 47 percent. Their "B" ballot went down in defeat 7,999 to 10,728, or only 42 percent of the voters in favor.

As of press time, no final results were tabulated for Treasure Valley or Lane. However, Roger Bassett, chairperson of the Oregon Community College Association, said early estimates in-

dicated Lane lost by approximately a two-to-one margin.

"It sounds bad, but I'm a little surprised that three schools won," Bassett said. Last year, six Oregon community colleges pleaded their cases before the voters. Five of those schools were turned down.

Clackamas Community College must go before the voters next year

Clackamas prepares for 1984 levy battle

Seven of the Oregon community colleges presented funding requests to the voters last week, with only three of the seven schools meeting success. Next year, Clackamas Community College's current levy will run out, and plans are already underway for that battle.

Dr. John Hakanson, president of the College, said letters to voters were already being produced, to supplement the continued public relations program.

Hakanson feels confident that the College stands a good chance of passing its next levy. "Our record for levies is better than average," he said.

The College is, and will continue to be, a major part of life in Clackamas County, Hakanson feels. He explained that the number of students attending the school has not dropped with the declining economy. In fact, enrollment is up.

"We'll probably have the same number of students next year, but that's because we dropped the Timberlake Job Corps program, which equaled about 180 FTE (Full Time Equivalency) students," he said.

Hakanson sees three reasons for the increased popularity of community colleges. First, four-year schools



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and universities have continually increased tuition, making it hard for poor and middle class students to attend, and making the lower tuition seem more appealing.

Second, more students from the area high schools are attending community colleges and finding the level of education acceptable. These students

often encourage other high school graduates to attend the two-year schools.

Three, current forecasts indicate a pick-up in the nation's economy. As more jobs become available more job training will be needed, as technology has continued to mutate the country's industry. Community colleges specialize

in job training.

With all these factors in mind, Hakanson estimates the College's enrollment will double by the year 2000 to approximately 6,500 students. He feels the county will continue to grow as well. Housing starts in Clackamas County for 1983 already equal the total number of starts in 1982.

School board elections: Johnson in, Groener out in O. City, Gladstone zone

Area voters turned down Ralph Groener's re-election bid for the Clackamas Community College Board of Directors last week, opting instead for Jim Johnson of Oregon City.

The seat being fought over was the fourth district representative. There are seven zones in the school district. Zone 4 encompasses Oregon City, Gladstone, and the unincorporated areas in between. Groener has held the position for 12 years and is a Clackamas County Commissioner.

Johnson, 41, has been a member of the

Oregon City City Council for the past two years, and recently came into the limelight with his successful battle against the proposed, and now defunct, Resource Recovery Facility.

The election was a close one, and brought out only 14 percent of the county's voters. Johnson won the contest with 1,584 votes to Groener's 1,478.

"My major goals are to have better use and accountability for public funds, and to break down the barriers of communication between the

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