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Hakanson sees success despite economy

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"All in all, it has been a good year." That is how Clackamas Community College's President, Dr. John Hakanson, describes the 1982-83 school year.

"In a time of great economic difficulty for the state and the nation, we have been able to maintain the programs we had functioning," Hakanson said.

The positive points the president remembers of this year include better campus communications and the Take Charge Day and follow-up programs. On the other side of the scale, Hakanson cited the lower enrollment as a problem.

"The only disappointment was the enrollment, which did not come up as much as we expected," he said. As of now, Hakanson said the College is projecting a Full Time Equivalency (FTE) of 3,550 by the end of the year. "We expected about 100 more," he said.

The reason for this, Hakanson explained, is "we had 150 fewer course offerings than we did last year." The president said economizing was the cause for the dropped programs, most notably the Timberlake Job Corps program which was eliminated.

"(Job Corps) produced 170 to 200 FTE's," Hakanson said. "We made up more than half of those lost, but it still put us behind."

Hakanson said the College is projecting 3,700 FTE for the next year.

One of the most successful projects of the current year was the Take Charge program, Hakanson feels. The program was designed to create alternatives for unemployed people and consisted of a full day of workshops and presentations, as well as follow-up projects.

Hakanson said plans for another Take Charge day are under discussion. "I would not be surprised to see it held during fall term," he said.

Other highlights of the

1982-83 year included what Hakanson considered to be an improvement in on-campus communications. "The various clubs, athletics and activities have all done well," he said. Hakanson made special mention of this year's Associated Student Government, which he called "very responsible."

Next year, the College will have to go before the voters with the triannual levy election. Hakanson said he plans to create an advisory committee this summer to look at the levy and choose the best time to present it. He said the election may be held during spring term of 1984.

"We need more buildings," Hakanson said. "We are beginning a drive for more buildings this next year."

The itinerary for construction on campus includes a library/learning center, vocational education building, and a music hall, to eventually be part of a performing arts center.

If a new library is built, it

will also mean extensive remodeling of upstairs McLoughlin Hall, the site of the current library. Hakanson said most of that space would be turned into class rooms.

"Right now, we haven't any money. But we did a review of the long range planning and we have our priorities set," the president said.

The College has a good record for passing three-year levies, the first two of which were held in 1978 and 1981. Prior to that, the College had to approach the voters much more often. "In our first 12 years, we held 33 elections," Hakanson said.

To fund the planned building, the College will need to pass a construction levy as well as an operating levy. Clackamas Community is not alone in this need either. Hakanson said of the 13 Oregon community colleges, all need new construction except Linn-Benton, Blue Mountain and Mt. Hood.

Hakanson pointed out

that the state legislature helps out by allocating funds for approximately 65 percent of allowable costs, which equals about 50 percent of the total building costs. Neither the 1981 nor the 1983 legislatures provided monetary help for the community colleges.



Dr. John Hakanson



Homeroom pet set free as gradeschoolers send box turtle to Turtle Island

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Recently the turtle population of Clackamas Community College increased by one thanks to the students and faculty of Stafford Elementary School in West Linn.

Wednesday, May 27, the Environmental Learning Center held a small ceremony to dedicate the arrival of the box turtle named Cecil. Cecil was a gift to the teacher, Ann Blanton, who later had it as a homeroom pet.

The class visited the ELC

earlier and asked if the College would like to keep it, since they could provide a better home for the turtle. After a poem reading by author Kristin Dunham, nine, Jason Ashcroft freed Cecil where it will live among the other five turtles who are already there.

Cecil will make his new residence on Turtle Island with the other inhabitants of the pond including ducks, fish and muskrats.

"Do you think she'll like it more in the pool?" one student asked. "Well, wouldn't you?" the teacher responded.

