

Campus retiree Lair spends time vacationing

By Charlene Jensen
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The loss of the levy election marks many consequences for Clackamas Community College, one of which

is the hiring freeze. The hiring freeze has been enacted to save College money for funding a summer session. One position, vacant since August when Alf Lair retired, is the director of planning and

operations, although the duties of that job have been assigned to three other employees.

In reminiscing over his 15 years with the College Lair said, "It's the best place I've ever worked. Dr. Hakanson is one of the best bosses I've ever had."

Lair's job consisted of the planning and construction of campus buildings. He also worked in purchasing, food service, grounds, custodial and other departments concerning the operation of the College.

His reason for retiring was simple. "I found myself getting crabber than usual so I thought, 'Time I walked out the door and did something different.'" Lair said.

Lair held a number of

social positions before coming to Clackamas. He became a contractor after World War II, worked for the State Department of Education and performed many jobs for several community colleges, including dean of students, and writer of instructional materials for vocational education.

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"The reason I came to Clackamas Community College in the first place, Lair said, "was to plan the buildings and write requests for state funding, and I just stayed on."

"I think this College offers a real answer to a need that wasn't being met before. The community college is adaptable. When a new area needed education, I think we jumped right into it," Lair said.

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Lair misses the people he worked with but said he is enjoying his retirement very much. "I'm just going to loaf until I get bored and then I'll find something else to do," he said.

However, Lair said he is not bored with the leisurely life of paddling a canoe around Puget Sound, visiting East Lake and the Bend area. He also spends some of his time in political writing.



HELLO AGAIN, COLLEGE—Former College Director of Planning and Operations Alf Lair waves a greeting from the doorway of his traveling trailer. Lair retired after 15 years of service with the College, and now spends time making trips.

Coping with illness aided by support groups

(Conclusion in a series dealing with Alzheimer's Disease)

By Shelley Ball
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Throughout his long ordeal with his mother, Enterprise Courier Editor John Kanelis said most of the support he received was from his family, rather than support groups. For those who may be interested in a support group, however, an Alzheimer's support group has been meeting up at Willamette Falls Hospital since June of 1983.

Initiated by community

volunteer Marty Schippers, the group meets every fourth Tuesday of the month from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the hospital.

Schippers explained the support group is designed as "a place to come and maybe find out some new information. Families are generally not able to deal with the emotional situation, so it's also a place where they can come and get comfort, cry and express their frustrations. Most people don't have any concept unless

they've been there," she added.

Although attendance in the support group was sporadic at first, Schippers said this was due to the fact that most of the people attending have Alzheimer patients to care for, and as a result couldn't always show up. With the group's recent meeting, however, the attendance rose from three to five people to 20 to 25 people.

"When only a couple people came in, I began to

wonder if I was doing a worthwhile thing, but then when I got comments like 'I don't think I could have made it another day without the group,' or 'I finally found people who know what I'm talking about,' I began to feel that it's worthwhile," Schippers said.

Today there are a number of Alzheimer support groups that have formed in Oregon, a fact that Schippers said has made Oregon one of the first states to openly recognize the disease since the formation of the disease's national organization between two and three years ago.

Another way Alzheimer's Disease has affected the community is in Clackamas County recently receiving a grant to set up a respite, a program in which Schippers explained people would be trained to help out with Alzheimer patients so that those who care for them would be able to leave them for awhile to run errands.

Schippers also said she would like to set up an official

calling system for crises that may occur with Alzheimer patients, where people who can't attend the support group because they are caring for such a person can call in and talk about their problem over over the phone.

For those who suspect a member of their family may have Alzheimer's Disease, Clinical Psychologist Rodger Mainz suggests the person be taken to three doctors: a neurologist, who will diagnose the disease, a neuropsychiatrist for the dispensing of drugs, and a clinical psychologist such as Mainz himself.

"Most people don't like to be around Alzheimer's Disease patients because they don't like to be reminded that they could lose total control of their mind. You've got to face your own phrenophobia (fear of losing mind) to work with these people. You need to face your own emotions and realize the patient is dying intellectually, and may not know you (one day)," Mainz said.

College History

Environment key to ELC

(Part two in a series of articles concerning Clackamas Community College)

By Judy Barlow
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Looking at the John Inskeep Environmental Learning Center (ELC), it is hard to believe that it was once a waste-water lagoon. The ELC was previously the home for the J.M. Smucker Company, jam and jelly producer. The land was a barren industrial site.

As described in the center's brochure, "The ELC has been developed on a 3½ acre site that previously was the waste-water lagoons, parking lots and roadways of the Smucker's Berry Processing Plant."

"In the fall of 1974 the physical work began, the moving of boulders and dirt. The planting was done in the spring of 1975," ELC Project Director Jerry Herrmann said.

The National Guard helped us to move the boulders. Jerry (Herrmann) said it was scary sometimes. They were moving boulders from another part of the campus so we got the excess dirt and boulders," Asst. Project Director Nan Hage-Herrmann said.

"The guys would have races to see who could bring back the biggest rock for Jerry, and he said there were times he didn't think that they were going to make it, they were so big. Jerry's landscaping technique was such that it was called informal Japanese style, with many wandering paths and quiet special places. You don't just plunk the rocks on the ground. You

have to bury them so that you actually see from ½ to ⅓ of the rock," she added.

There are several purposes behind the ELC. "The Center is here as a wildlife habitat, and it shows how you can recycle and industrial site," Hage-Herrmann said. "We also showed alternative technologies such as a forced air wood furnace, composting toilets and a solar preheat water tank. Other things on the master plan are to show hydraulics and also wind and water energy."

"We are also now in the process of doing our fishery facilities, which is for the STEP program (Salmon and Trout Enhancement Program). We are getting the creek beds ready and we are actually getting a deck around the fish tank. We are looking toward a dedication for that in the spring," Hage-Herrmann added.

Rock beds are now being made for the salmon and trout eggs. "They need a certain type of bed. So we are getting the right size rocks, crevices and little pools," Hage-Herrmann said. "We go beyond just this physical site now. We go to the schools, youth groups and adult groups. We go to anybody who is interested in the environment, about landscaping, about alternative technologies, and we share what we know. Our site is used as an experimental site at times."

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