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*Third time a charm?*

## Board looks for voter approval

Twice the Board of Education has proposed three-year serial levies to the voters and twice community members have rejected them. On the May 15 primary election ballot the College board will again ask for approval, but this time it has added a new twist.

Replacing the twice-failed serial tax levy will be a tax base. A tax base can only appear on general or primary election ballots of even-numbered years, College President John Hakanson said, therefore, the opportunity is at hand.

The advantage of a tax base is that it sets a limit on tax increases. The Col-

lege has tried six tax bases in the past and failed on each. The proposed base would contribute \$8.2 million to the College's revenue.

If passed, the College would remain at this amount each year. The base allows up to a six percent annual increase for inflation, but no more.

When the board first adopted this measure in a 4-1 vote March 30, Hakanson said, "It (the tax base) is quite a commitment for the College to make. The board recognized this, and decided to put one up it could live with for a while."

The \$8.2 million would be a base

for which the College would be assured each year. If it needs more, it would have to be referred to the voters by the means of a one-year or three-year serial levy, or a whole new tax base.

The measure that is being proposed, though, specifically states that the College would remain within the six percent annual increase for at least three to four years, Hakanson said. Once the \$8.2 million becomes inefficient, the College then would resort to a new proposal.

One reason for the tax base is because the serial tax levy that was proposed in November 1983 and March

1984 had a figure of \$26 million, and Hakanson thought many voters decided that was too much.

The \$8.2 million proposal allows enough for the College to function at this particular time. Hakanson said they were not planning to add a lot.

What the tax base directly affects is fall term. The College has enough revenue for summer term due to the budget cuts in November and December, so the tax base does not affect it.

The three-year tax levy that the College is currently functioning on ends June 30, 1984.



**AGONY OF THE FEET**—Distance ace Brian Abshire (left) and Frank Batcheler, Abshire's step-father, give assistance. The Cougars placed second in the regional meet, see page eight for details.

Photo by Joel Miller

## 'Handicap Awareness' theme of benefit fun run

By Heather Wright  
Of The Print

The Third Annual Handicap Awareness Benefit Run is scheduled for Saturday, May 12 at Clackamas Community College.

The run is sponsored by the College's handicapped resource center. The money raised from the run will be donated to two shower chairs, one in the men's locker room and one in the women's. Adaptive weight equipment will also be purchased for the weight room.

"We are hoping to be able to be of better help for our handicapped students, enrolled in P.E. courses," Debbie Derr, veteran handicapped specialist said.

There are two categories: the 10-kilometer (6.2-mile) run and the two-mile fun run.

For pre-registration contact Debbie Derr in the handicapped resource center. Pre-registration ends today at 5 p.m. The cost is \$3 per person. Registration at the door starts at 8 a.m. in the Randall weight room and costs \$4. T-shirts for the runs will be on sale in Randall Hall for \$7.

Participants will meet at 8:30 a.m. in Randall weight room. The 10-kilometer run starts at 9 a.m., and the two-mile fun run starts at 9:10 a.m.

## Print wins national award

Clackamas Community College's student newspaper, *The Print* recently was presented with a first-place certificate by the American Scholastic Press Association in conjunction with a national contest for fall term publications.

Each newspaper was divided into sections corresponding with the college enrollment and the distinction between colleges, universities and junior colleges. A total of 1,000 points were possible in the critique of six major areas of concentration.

*The Print* received 885 of the possible 1,000. Advisor Sara Wichman was pleased with the paper's total.

"Everyone who works on the staff does a terrific job against terrific odds, the advisor said. "We have a shoestring budget, yet the students put out a really good publication. I am proud for the students."

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