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Voters reject tax base proposal

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After trying two identical three-year serial tax levies and failing, the Clackamas Community College Board of Education put a tax base on the May 15 primary elections ballot. To no avail, county voters rejected the new approach, also.

As of presstime, the tax base was being defeated at a five to three ratio. With partial totals from 99 of 169 precincts it had been outvoted 5080 to

Hakanson relayed distress over the failure and said that

the board will have to reevaluate the levy. He was confident that the College would propose the revised levy to the voters on the June 26 election

The College is currently functioning on the last year of a three-year tax levy that was passed in 1981. The levy expires June 30, 1984.

Twice this year the board had proposed three-year tax levies asking for a 12 percent tax increase over the three years. The levy that the College is functioning under now taxes county citizens \$1.24 per \$1000 of assessed property value. The two proposals that failed would have set a limit of \$1.39 per \$1000.

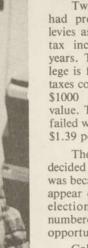
The reason the College decided to try something new was because tax bases can only appear on general or primary election ballots on evennumbered years, therefore the opportunity was at hand.

College President John Hakanson said the advantage of a tax base is that it sets a limit on tax increases. This election's rejection was the

Election Results Yes.....5080

No.....3403

(With partial totals from 99 of 169 precincts)



College President Dr. John Hakanson

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seventh time county voters have denied a College tax base proposal.

Hakanson had said that there was not a difference in the amounts of the three proposals, just that this last one took another disguise. The rejected tax base would have contributed \$8.2 million to the College's revenue. It allowed for a six-percent increase per year to accommodate for inflation, but any increase more than that would have had to go before the voters again.

Hakanson had confirmed that the tax base approval had no bearing on the closure of summer school. But it does have an effect upon fall term.

The College has enough money to function in summer term due to the budget cuts that were enacted in November and December of 1983, but fall term hinges on the passage of a future levy.

"We will have to make some more cuts in our levy depending on what the board and budget committee's attitude is at tonight's meeting," Hakanson said. "We have enough revenue for our summer program, but we need to pass a levy in order to function fall term. If we pass one, then

Faculty contract now in Boards' hands

By Shelley Ball

College's ongoing struggle to no agreement had been reachratify a faculty contract may ed, so a fact-finder's hearing soon be over, as the College's was originally scheduled for faculty yesterday voted to ac- April 26. cept a newly negotiated contract.

board meeting.

faculty contract expired in Ju- days. ly of 1983, and since that time the faculty has been operating were made on both sides,

without a contract. Although the College's faculty and administration have held nu-Clackamas Community merous negotiation meetings,

That hearing has since The proposed two-year been called off, as Counselor contract will go into effect if David Campbell said another the College's Board of Educa- meeting was held just before tion ratifies it at tonight's the hearing, in which both sides hammered out an agree-The College's previous ment over the course of several

"Basically, compromises

Campbell said of the negotiation meeting. Campbell is a part of the four-member faculty group representing the entire faculty in negotiation

Campbell explained the newly negotiated contract consists of putting a two-year freeze on faculty wages, with an increment during the second year. This faculty salary freeze is categorized under the economic issue of the faculty contract, and it is one of the newest changes made during the recent negotiation.

Campbell also said the faculty feels they have

negotiated an increment only Reduction in Force procedure as a raise in salary. The faculty contract. sees it as money for on the job," he said.

"We (faculty) have given up a pay raise in effect of

on the faculty contract included an early retirement clause, which will go into effect during the first year of the contract, or in 1983-84. The language issues of the faculty contract, which involved a

and not an actual salary raise. and faculty evaluations, were "They (board) would view it negotiated for each year of the

In regards to the upcomdemonstration of competence ing board meeting, Dean of Instruction Lyle Reese said he and other members who represent the administration side in recognizing the dire straits of the negotiation meetings are the College," Campbell said.

Another issue negotiated the contract negotiations until the negotiation meetings are still not at liberty to talk about after both sides have ratified the contract, if that is the case.

The next time the College's faculty will be meeting to negotiate the next two-year contract will be in February of

