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Local fundraiser helps combat Measure 2

Clackamas Community College is once again gearing up to campaign against another property tax limitation measure. This Friday, Oct. 19, a local fundraiser will be held to raise money to buy television time for ads opposing Ballot Measure 2, Bob Ellis, dean of community education, said.

The fundraiser is being sponsored by the Committee to Support Community Services (CSCS) and will be held at the Oregon City Armory from 4-9 p.m. Tickets were available Oct. 1, and cost \$5 each.

Ellis explained CSCS

represents Clackamas County, and it is working in conjunction with the Oregon Committee, which is the statewide committee involved in defeating Ballot Measure 2. The Oregon Education Association (OEA) is also involved in campaigning against the measure.

Ballot Measure 2 is a property tax measure designed to limit the rates of annual property taxes to 1½ percent, or \$15 per \$1,000 of assessed property value.

The major activities for the College's campaign at this point include rounding up volunteers to go canvassing,

and seeking contributions. "We're (College) trying to get people to participate," Ellis said.

Canvassing is scheduled to take place Oct. 27-28 and Nov. 3-4. In regards to the campaigning effort the College put out to defeat Ballot Measure 3 in 1982, Ellis said the canvassing played a major role in the success of that campaign.

Campaign goals include the ability to raise at least \$20,000, possibly more, in order to help pay for television advertising. Ellis said \$20,000 was raised back in 1982, not counting industrial contributions. He also said television time has been

reserved and is awaiting payment.

Overall, Ellis said the spirit among campaign members was one of optimism, and he added that once the public is aware of all the consequences of Ballot Measure 2, it should be defeated.

"It really is a difficult measure; it takes time to know. But once you have a well-informed group at the polls the chances of it being

defeated are greater," Ellis said.

Anyone interested in volunteering time to the campaign against Ballot Measure 2 can talk to either Ellis at ext. 408, Shirley Cressler, who is organizing the faculty, at ext. 376, or Kevin Forney classified staff organizer at ext. 502. Ellis said he is working with the administrative group at the College.

Enrollment declines further to 10 percent

Figures tabulated for the first two weeks of classes at Clackamas Community College show a projected drop in student enrollment of approximately 10 percent, according to Charles Adams, director of admissions and records.

Enrollment numbers total 4,830 students as opposed to 5,400 this time last year.

"I don't want to paint a 'doom and gloom' picture in the minds of the public," Adams said. "There is no real problem now."

He also said, however, that if enrollment continues to decline in the future some of the currently offered classes may have to be cancelled.

In regards to possible reasons for the drop in enrollment, Adams said, "Basically it is economics. We (College)

have a lot of good instructional programs and quality teachers, but people are starting to really take second looks at how they spend their money.

"People who are working aren't going to be able to just quit their jobs and go to school. The jobs, they fear, won't be there when they get back," he added.

Another reason Adams gave for the decline in enrollment was private funding. "Money's tight," he said. "There is a lack of funding in the agencies that sponsor students for training."

When breaking down the actual statistics, Adams explained that 45 percent of the students are in transfer programs, 38 percent are in occupational programs and the rest are involved in general self-improvement courses.



ALL SPORTS BANQUET—a combination of cafeteria. Guests included athletes from the college athletes and coaches gathered for a roast beef dinner Tuesday night in the College fall, winter, and spring term sports events.

Photo by Joel Miller

Laugh Clinic prescribes humor for health

By Shelley Ball
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The magazine **Reader's Digest** is famous for coining the phrase "laughter is the best medicine." The idea humor is medically beneficial has become more than just an adage however. It's a reality.

Using humor to reduce stress and cope with tension are two of the many concepts that will be taught at the

Laugh Clinic, a newly-formed organization that will be holding a series of two-hour sessions at Clackamas Community College. The first introductory session was held last night.

"Our (clinic's) basic premise is people can learn how to develop and use their sense of humor for productive purposes," Carol Petersen, College health and PE instructor, said. Petersen will be the

main person leading the clinic sessions.

Other guest leaders or members of the clinic include famous lecturer and speaker Dr. Lendon H. Smith; Joseph Patrick Lee, clinic founder; Jerry Parrick, president of Parrick*Millpacher, Inc; E. T. (Cy) Eberhart, director of chaplain services at Salem Hospital; and Mayor of Oregon City Ronald D. Thom.

Besides teaching people how to use humor as an alternative to stress, Petersen said humor has been scientifically proven to change the body's chemistry to a more healthful status.

One such example is Norman Cousins, a man Petersen said was suffering from a degenerative disease of the muscles. Through the use of humor, Cousins was able to change his body chemistry to a

healing chemistry. Cousins has since written a book about his recovery, titled *Anatomy of An Illness*, and a movie has been made as well.

While there have been humor conventions and seminars on humor before, Petersen said she thinks the Laugh Clinic is an original in the way it teaches people to use their sense of humor for a
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