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ELC participates in recycling week

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Most Oregonians are no doubt in favor of economic development.

Some citizens, however, may not be aware that as they fill up their garbage cans with discarded milk jugs, tin cans and paper, instead of recycling them, they are throwing away that chance for economic development.

Obtaining economic development through recycling materials will be one of the ideas expressed during Clackamas County's Recycling Awareness Week, which began Nov. 12 and will conclude this Saturday, Nov. 17.

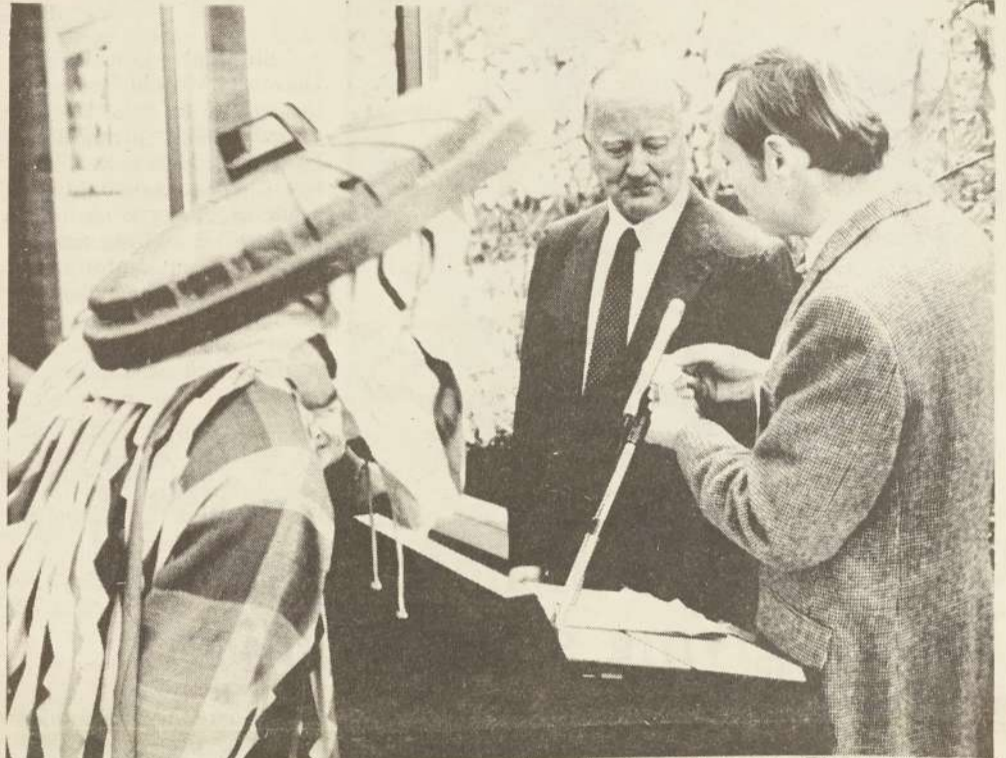
"People's conception of recycling in the past has been working with garbage. I'd like them to think about garbage

as working with resources and being an economic development," Jerry Herrmann, Environmental Learning Center (ELC) director, said. The ELC is one of many organizations actively participating in Recycling Awareness Week.

Sponsored by the Clackamas County Recycling Task Force, each day in Recycling Awareness Week is geared to focus on different aspects of recycling taking place in the county.

Activities on Monday involved recycling facilities in rural areas of the county, while a series of tours to industries that recycle materials was conducted on Tuesday.

Clackamas Community College President John Hakanson was the featured speaker at the Tri-City (Continued on page six)



A FRIENDLY TRASH MONSTER stands by Director Jerry Herrmann. The ceremony was while Marv Vack receives a button for outstanding contributions in recycling efforts by ELC part of Recycling Awareness Week.

Photo by Joel Miller

Forum focuses on domestic policy issues

Health care costs, jobs and the environment will be the subjects of three public forums to be held at Clackamas Community College beginning Nov. 18.

Sponsored by the College and the Domestic Policy Association, the three forums are a part of the National Issues Forum, which is designed to allow people at the grassroots level the opportunity to give their opinions on topics of national interest.

Betsy Crist, continuing education specialist, said the forums will allow for the

"passing on of opinions from people to our national decision makers."

Crist and Wayne Logemann, North Clackamas coordinator for continuing education, and Dr. Karen Lever, community services and women's programs coordinator, have formed a committee responsible for organizing the event on campus.

The three forums will take place Sundays from 4 to 6:30 p.m. in the Community Center. "The Soaring Cost of Healthcare" is scheduled for Nov. 18, "Jobs and the

Jobless in a Changing Workplace," Nov. 25 and the final seminar, "Difficult Choices About Environmental Protection" will happen Dec. 2.

The opinions expressed at the forums will be recorded and sent to the Domestic Policy Association headquarters in Dayton, Ohio. Formed in 1982, the Domestic Policy Association is made up of a network of universities, libraries and other organizations that are involved in gathering public opinions on

national issues from all over the country.

The College is one of two Oregon institutions involved in this project. Logemann said there are approximately 140 communities in 41 states participating in the National Issues Forum this year.

Once the opinions have been gathered from around the country, Crist said the "common threads" of public opinion will be discussed at a major conference to be held in the spring. Policy-makers will then listen to the findings.

In order for the public to be fully informed at the forums, Crist advises participants to purchase booklets which provide impartial information on the three discussion topics. The booklets which are available on campus cost \$3.

"The College has an important role to play, by either providing information or becoming actively involved in sponsoring other groups (holding forums)," Logemann said.

For more information on the booklets and registration, call 657-8400, ext. 208.

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