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Speaker canceled due to time, safety factors

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Last week the ASG decided against allowing a speaker, who has known connections with the Church of Scientology, from appearing on campus.

The decision to cancel the speaker was made by ASG President Daniel Hilts and other officers following the recommendation by College interim President Lyle Reese.

The controversy started last Wednesday when the Student Activities Office received a call from Terry Davanne, a public relations person for entertainer Frank Stallone, the brother of actor Sylvester Stallone.

Activities Director Enrique "Henry" Palacios said Davanne asked if the College was interested in having

Stallone speak on campus. Palacios said there was "no specification" made about the nature of Stallone's speech, only that the speech was to be about his life.

Although Palacios said he began to make arrangements to have Stallone on campus for May 24, he reconsidered his plans after discussing them with Hilts, Vice President Shawn Watterberg, and Assistant to the President Roy Thorp.

The Davanne call "caught us off guard," Hilts said. He explained the decision to cancel the speaker was based on two facts. First, since the call was received on Wednesday, it would have given the ASG only 48 hours to prepare. Palacios noted that Stallone was in town until May 25. Secondly, Davanne did not

make the nature of Stallone's speech clear.

Stallone was in Portland that week to entertain and lend support to the Scientologists protesting the recent \$39 million damages award to former Scientologist Julie Titchbourne, a Church of Scientology representative said.

While there was no proof that Stallone would have addressed the Scientology issues, Hilts said Reese was concerned about the number of people Stallone might attract and the need for additional security. Hilts said that because of the controversial nature of the event, he called Reese "to have his input."

Reese told Hilts that he "refused to allow" the event to take place at that time because of the "possibility of disruption or threat" that might occur. Reese emphasized

ed that his decision wasn't based on bias against the Church of Scientology, but rather because of the security issue. "We don't have the kind of security force to control crowds like there is in Salem or Portland," Reese said.

He added that given the short notice, it would have

been difficult for the College to hire extra security had the event taken place last Friday. Reese noted that although there had been no reported incidents with the Scientologists, he could not determine whether it was due to the nature of the protests or the increased security in the area.

Tentative agreement within reach for contract

A tentative agreement may be reached today, May 29, by the faculty and administration over a 1985-86 faculty contract.

Both Michael Durrer, chairperson of the faculty negotiating committee, and Jim Painter, chairperson of the administrative negotiating committee, expressed the belief such an agreement will be reached.

"We're very close to settling; there could be a tentative agreement," Durrer said, while Painter stated, "I feel very confident that we will walk away with a first-year agreement." The negotiating teams for Clackamas Community College's faculty and Board of Directors have been meeting since the end of January to reach an agreement on a one-year contract.

Durrer explained the proposal now being considered for approval offers increases in base salary, an increment adjustment and department heads with doctorates for a total increase of eight percent. Included in this eight percent will be a four percent increment. He added this increase is lower than the 9.5 percent increase that was proposed by

the faculty. The purpose of the May 29 meeting will be for both sides to review the language issues of the contract and the monetary figures obtained with an eight percent increase, after which Durrer said

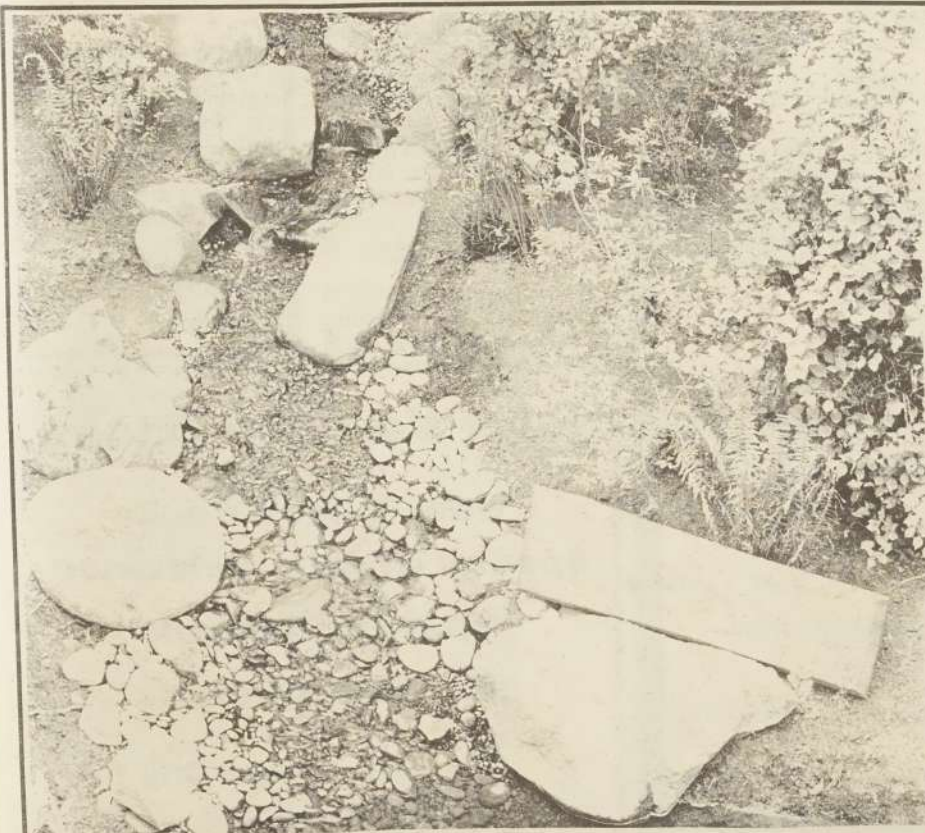
the faculty negotiating team could decide to make a tentative agreement.

As for the language issues, Durrer said they are "more or less staying the same. It appears that the faculty is willing to live with the existing language," he added.

The tentative agreement will also include accepting a monetary cap on health benefits to faculty members as part of a proposed health benefit package. The proposed cap is set at \$211 for medical coverage, with long-term disability, life insurance and dental coverage being picked up by the College. Such a proposal was made after the results of a health care benefits survey put out by Durrer and Painter in mid-March was gathered.

In addition to the 1985-86 contract, Durrer said the administration has also offered a second-year proposal. "There is a second-year (contract) on the table, and we've been talking about a second year," Painter said. While he couldn't release any information about this second-year contract proposal, Painter said the May 29 meeting will be used to see if the faculty is interested in pursuing it.

While Durrer said the faculty won't be ready to decide on a second-year contract until the monetary figures from the first one are known, he said at this time the possibility of accepting the (second year) contract "doesn't look good."



ELC EXHIBIT DISPLAYS man-made pebble strewn stream. Named after former President John Hakanson, the exhibit is located on the ELC site. Photo by Joel Miller

