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Gramm-Rudman affects college

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Today, many of the state governments in America control budgets. The Gramm-Rudman law, if its precepts are followed, will trip many of these state surpluses into deficit. The proposed law was recently deemed unconstitutional, however there is a good chance that the government will follow its basic tenets. A proposed \$12.4 billion would be cut from governmental programs in 1987 alone. With 75 percent of these programs being immune to such cuts, the programs that are vulnerable, like education, will bear the brunt of programmed cuts. Scheduled is \$2.4 billion to be cut from student financial aid and Medicare.

The Gramm-Rudman ruling was originally put into effect to eliminate the nations Federal deficit. By signing this bill President Reagan hopes to have this massive deficit eradicated by 1991. This would mean cuts of at least \$36 billion a year. Legislation passed that the cuts are to be divided fifty-fifty between military spending and domestic spending.

If the goal of \$36 billion a year is not reached, the President has power to cut "con-

trol" programs (those programs susceptible to the Gramm-Rudman ruling). This could mean cuts of up to \$165 million in currently allotted funds for the Pell Grant program. Other programs for higher education would also suffer the weight of this cut.

A few have challenged this ruling by saying it is unconstitutional. They claim that the procedure gives legislative power to the executive branch of government.

The nations most populated states would lose the most financially. California and New York each would lose \$1 billion. As far as a per capita basis goes, the least populated states would be the biggest losers, the worst of these being Alaska, Wyoming, and Montana.

These cuts will effect the middle and lower classes heavily, with senior citizens being hit the hardest. The elderly stand to lose programs such as nutrition services, senior centers, low income energy assistance, and Medicare.

When asked, "Could the states recover from this?" Ronald Pollock of the Villers Foundation says, "The answer is an emphatic no."



A baby cougar and a student at the College make a tentative friendship. Photo by Joel Miller

ASG sends facts

By Dean Grey
News Editor

A \$1.25 per \$1,000 of assessed property value tax freeze had been proposed by the the College's Board of Directors. Is that good? What have we been paying? Who will the change affect?

These are some questions that voters might consider before casting any ballots on the levy issue. The members of the Associated Student Government feel it is important that students have more information on the county-wide election.

ASG, in co-operation with Kit Youngren, Continuing Education Director, and the election committee have put together a fact sheet. This flier contains the bare facts on the

College and its budget.

The two main elements of the budget that are present on the flier are: 1) the property tax freeze which, if instated, will equal the rate that taxpayers are now, and have been, paying since 1984; 2) the College is asking for a five percent increase in student tuition. The increase, one of approximately \$10 per term, would decrease the amount that taxpayers would have to pay.

The fact sheet is available through the week of Mar. 17. ASG will concentrate on putting a copy of the flier in every student's hands. Copies will be available in the Student Activity Center, ext. 245.

The upcoming election in March is a mail-in ballot.

Registered voters will receive a ballot in the mail around Mar. 7. This is a first for the College, whose administration hopes all voters will participate in the special election.

A registration deadline has been set Feb. 20, contrary to the stated date in the flier. This cutoff date is only for those who wish to receive a ballot in the mail.

The elections office will accept late registrations through Mar. 24. Those who register late can vote at the elections office on election day.

ASG will be sponsoring a registration drive starting Feb. 14 which will run through Feb. 21, and will co-inside with drives being held on all community college campuses in the state.

Friends hold auction

By Amber Marvin
Copy Editor

The Friends of Clackamas Community College are holding an auction to benefit the College's 1986 election funds Wednesday, Mar. 5. Viewing and bidding (open and closed) will take place in the Fireside Lounge.

Some of the items to be auctioned include Trailblazer tickets, two round trip Amtrak

tickets to Seattle with lodging included, a river raft trip, fishing trips, and a stern-wheeler trip for four with dinner.

A family-style spaghetti dinner will be served after the auction and entertainment will feature the "CCC Hidden Talent Review." The dinner starts at 5:30 p.m. and the talent show will begin at 7 p.m. Happy Hour will start at

5 p.m. and will feature creative, non-alcoholic cocktails.

Tickets are \$3.50 for individual tickets, and a family price of \$10 will also be available.

A dinner theatre program will be held Mar. 19, and together with the auction \$5,000 is hoped to be raised.

For further information contact Kim at ext.205.



Photo by Dan Wheeler

Lone tree stands amidst passing clouds, cars.

