

Fundraiser auction held

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On Saturday, Feb. 22, an auction was held at the Oregon City Senior Center with all proceeds going to the John In-skeep Environmental Learning Center.

The evening started about 6:30 p.m. with dinner followed by bidding on the silent auction items.

The verbal auction started approximately 8 p.m. among the more than 50 items to bid on during the verbal auction were a number of paintings, trips, and dinners.

Among the people who donated their time and efforts to make the auction a success were Nan Hage-Herrmann, the 1986 chairwomen for the auction, Jerry Grisham, the

Master of ceremonies, and Charlene Graf, Donation Chairwoman.

The food was prepared by Norma Jean Germond, with donations from Kobo Coffee, Mainstreet Bistro, Moore's Flour Mill, West Linn Thriftway, and other various center members.

The auctioneer for the evening was Jeannie Rathbone, a self-taught auctioneer and owner of a wholesale/retail antique business. Jeannie first started as a "hoot-nanny" singer who loved to do the auctioneer's song which she ended the evening with.

Charlene Graf, donation chairwomen, commented about the turnout, "I thought we had a good turnout, there were on empty seats." Graf said it took over a month of eight hour days and a number of phone calls and letters to get the donations organized. However, she felt that "the majority of businesses were willing to give."

Some of the items that sold at the auction were a 19 inch color television for \$60, a dinner for two and a nights lodging sold for \$42.50, and five hours of organization with a surrogate wife that sold for \$30.

School Board meeting recapped

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At the top of the list for importance in discussion topics at last Wednesday's board meeting on February 12, was the upcoming College accreditation process, which will determine if the College credits are transferable.

The accreditation process is an analysis performed by an eleven man survey team from the Northwest Association of schools and colleges to measure the Colleges strengths and weaknesses.

The purpose is to ascertain whether or not the quality of our school meets the college commission's standards. Failure to do so results in the College credits no longer being valid.

The eleven team members have read the College's own self-study report. They will compare the notes of their findings with the Colleges and prepare a preliminary written report. President John Keyser will have an opportunity to respond to the report before the final draft is completed.

The college commission will then review the final draft and decide if the College should be accredited.

The administration department seems confident that the standards will be met and that the College will continue to be accredited. There's no more anxiety than is normal before any important bureaucratic analysis that could affect the future.

Another key topic was an industrial training program "still in the works".

In this case the industry is Precision Castparts in Milwaukie. The skill is "exotic" welding-exotic because of the unusual metals used and the techniques involved.

The training is meant to be integrated in an Associate of Science General Studies degree. The advantage of this program is it allows a student to obtain necessary career experience and not compromise the wide breadth of learning that general studies offers. The final draft of the degree should be completed by June 30.



Bidders overlook products for auction Photo by Dan Wheeler

Budget process reviewed

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Budget election time is in the air, bringing with it the opportunity for the local taxpayers to vote for what they feel is fair. For others it brings the hopeless effort of sorting the facts from fiction and wondering what it all means. Regardless of what category a registered voter may fall in, elections come and go bringing changes that effect a great many people.

The process of getting a budget election underway takes time and careful planning. Bill Ryan, dean of college services and planning, is one man who has seen a great many budget elections at the College, as well as his share of changes in producing a proposed budget.

According to Ryan, in the past each dean would write up his own separate list of what he thought the new budget needed, then submit it to the president. The president

would then take each deans separate list and compile them into one. Finally, after several rough drafts, the deans and president would come up with a final copy that they could present to the Board for that year's new budget proposal.

It wasn't until the 1979-80 fiscal year that Bill Ryan approached the president with the zero-based budget stance. The president liked the sound of the zero-based budget, and sent Ryan and an assistant to a conference to learn about the zero-based budget approach.

The zero-based approach allowed for a more open method of drawing up of a budget and soon was adopted by the College and has been used ever since.

President John Keyser got this years budget proposal off and going with the motto, "lean, effective, and happy," a motto that expresses a very positive note.

Ryan explained by making a "project revenue" list, how an estimate of how much will be needed for the budget could be made. The list includes looking at factors such as the tax-rate, student enrollment, the rise in certain expenses, and what the College's needs or musts are.

Ryan stressed big concern on making "making expenditures fit revenue never the reverse."

All of the factors listed above goes into the making of a successful budget.

This year's budget election will be the first mail-in election in the College's history and when asked what kind of an effect it would have on the election, Ryan felt the voter would really benefit.

For the voter the mail-in will be convenient, as for the effect on the college, "I don't know, I will know after the election," Ryan said.

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