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Mike Burke (left) examines skills contest work done by Chris Ryser of West Linn High School last Thursday. Photo by Joel Miller

Graveyard turnout at ASG Open Forum

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The Associated Student Government held an Open Forum last Wednesday in the Fireside lounge, but it didn't attract many listeners.

The Forum was intended to give students the opportunity to comment on ASG, how it works and on the activities it provides for the student body. But with the low attendance, it was difficult for the ASG officers to get an accurate cross-section of student opinions.

Subjects covered at this forum concentrated mostly on activities, which in most cases, were ideas of student body members of the forum. ASG wanted and got new ideas for activities. Although very small in its members the forum did carry out a needed service, which was to express student

ideas to ASG.

With ideas as imaginative as a Hawaiian dance, to an all out costume ball, the forum was a stew pot of ideas, most of which were thought up by student body members. One work fiend even thought of putting on a car wash.

The forum seemed overshadowed by the socializing in the community center, as few were intent on listening to ASG or student body forum members. With ASG/Student body interaction this low, the forum was evidence of student body non-involvement in ASG affairs.

By holding the forum in the Fireside lounge, ASG wished to be heard by the students. As it turned out, the social activities of the Community Center did not halt when the forum started.

Accreditation reviewed

By Scott Wyland

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This week, March 3 thru 7, the College will receive the first full-scale evaluation it has had in ten years. This evaluation is known as accreditation.

The overall purpose of accreditation is to scrutinize the college's financing, instruction, and study programs.

This will be done with a critical eye by an eleven member survey team representing the college commission. The commission has been assigned its duty by the Northwest Association of Colleges.

Each team member has a specific area to analyze. They include administration and finance, student services (i.e. counseling, registration, and placement), Humanities and Journalism, Science and Math, G.E.D. programs, Business Ed., and the campus facilities themselves.

If the college does not meet the standards prescribed by the Northwest association, our credits would no longer be valid.

According to the accreditation handbook, failure can result from: Lack of comprehensive planning, political interference with the school's integrity, not meeting enrollment projections, inadequate financial control and support, substandard facilities and equipment, weakness of library and other supplemental resources, and inadequate amount of competent faculty and staff.

According to John Bohan, head of staff development, the area that will be most in the limelight is finance, since the whole quality of a But John Bohan has an optimistic attitude

about the whole thing. John commented, "We don't have any glaring problems. I'm confident the school will be accredited. There are no guarantees, but we feel we're doing a good job and would like to keep on. And although the levy may be a factor, We're not asking for any increase."

Part of what the accrediting team will do, is ask students, teaching faculty, and administrative staff their opinions of the College's overall efficiency. This is to aid them in formulating the most comprehensive picture.

The team will then compare their the findings with the College's self-study report submitted last year to the college commission.

A preliminary report will be written up by the team, and President John Keyser will have a chance to review it and respond before the final draft is given to the college commission. The commission will then decide if our college is worthy of accreditation.

school depends on how well the money is managed and utilized. The main financial concerns are budget planning and revision, stability of income, indebtedness (if any), proper accounting of funds, and adequacy of financial resources.

Financial resources are of special interest because of the upcoming levy vote on March 25. The result at the ballot would most certainly affect the college commission's final decision on accreditation. If the levy is voted down, then one third of the College's funds would be cutoff; crippling the resources that are necessary in maintaining required educational quality.



Jeff Vandenberghe and Richard Verno, temporary community services workers, repair bleachers while unidentified tennis player enjoys the sun. Photo by Dan Wheeler