

The Print

Vol. XIX, No. 17

Clackamas Community College Oregon City, Oregon

April 8, 1986

Part-timers gain election

By Dean Grey

News Editor

After nine months of continual legal battles the part-time teachers of the college will put the issue of representation to a vote. On April 25 ballots will be mailed out by the Employment Relations Board (ERB) for voting.

The ballot will be mailed only to eligible voters predetermined by the ERB. The part-timers will have two choices, either representation by Clackamas Community College Part-time Association, OEA/NEA, (CCCPTA) or no representation at all.

"ERB has determined that eligible voters are employees in the bargaining unit for whom 'Statements of Appointments' are issued for Spring term and not cancelled as of the date ballots are mailed or for whom 'Statements of Appointment' have been issued and not cancelled for any one of the three last preceding terms and who have reasonable expectations of continued employment at the time of the closing of the election," according to a letter sent out by Keyser to the staff last week.

On July 31, 1985 the original petition for a part-time teachers bargaining unit was filed with the ERB to which the college filed an objection.

According to the petitioner's memorandum filed by Monica Smith, one of

the attorneys for CCCPTA, the college said that the unit description was "vague and nebulous."

A bargaining unit description that was agreeable to both sides was submitted on October 28 of that same year, and reads as follows.

Included are all instructors (except those specifically excluded), librarians, counselors, nurses, coaches, and department chairpersons employed by Clackamas Community College who are not included in the bargaining unit for which representation was certified by this board on January 24, 1975 in case No. C-407.

On October 30, after the bargaining unit was decided board agent Bromleigh S. Lamb, assigned to this case, requested a list of employees that fit the above description. A list, according to the memorandum, was supplied by the college on November 13 which led to the following two rulings made by Lamb.

"The amended petition was supported by an adequate showing of interest. Second, that he was unable to make a determination (were such a determination required) as to whether the original petition was supported by a showing of interest, due to the College's failure to provide a list that accurately reflected the bargain-

ing unit description contained in that petition."

On February 4, 1986 agent Lamb ordered that "as soon as practical" an election would be held. The College then had 14 days, of which it took all, to file any objections.

The College held that the original petition didn't have an adequate showing of interest thus making the amended petition invalid.

An ERB ruling states that "The Board or its agents shall determine the adequacy of the showing of interest and such a decision shall not be subject to any collateral attack."

At the March board meeting Rick True, part-time teacher, formally introduced the organization to the board.

The ERB held a hearing on March 21, where the College made its final attempt in delaying the election. The College maintained that the CCCPTA didn't have an adequate showing of interest in their petition. "In fact," according to the Clackamas Part-timer, a newsletter for the part-time teachers, "the petition calling for an election was supported by more than 50 percent of the eligible part-timers (only 30 percent is required by ERB rules).

All ballots must be returned to the ERB by May 9 and on May 12 at 10 am they will be counted in the ERB offices.



Clean up crews work on clearing away what remains of, Clackamas Community College's, Smuckers Hall.

College operating levy passes on first try

By Dean Grey

News Editor

The results from the March 25, levy election were "a strong statement of support from the community," said John Keyser, president of the college.

The two year Levy was passed by a vote of 28,865 to 16,467 on the first try.

"Its a strong affirmation that we are on the right track with our message to hold the line on spending while maintaining quality education," continued Keyser.

The margin of victory was 64 percent, the second highest in the history of the college. The highest came about in the August 1977 election with a margin of 68 percent. This, however came on the third try for the levy.

"I have to believe," stated Keyser, "that our fiscal responsibility, by holding the line on the levy, was rewarded by the voters overwhelming approval of the levy."

The participation in the first mail-in election was well below the expected. Out of the 70 to 90 thousand voters hoped for only 45,332 sent their ballots back in.

The next thing on the agenda is the proposal of a tax base. The college, by law, is supposed to bring a tax base before the voters this year. They need to only decide on a May or November election.

A tax base would set an amount of money that the college would receive and each year it would rise 6 percent each year. If the college passed a tax base in May, the request would be identical to the levy passed. The next year, 87-88, the request would rise the 6 percent instead of the 4 percent that was promised by the college. With this in mind, Keyser sent a memo saying that the college would try for the november election.

*Inside
ASG
Elections
off and
Running*

Page 3

*Ducks,
others
enjoy
spring*

Page 5

*Brown,
Binns
capture
sprints at
Linn-Benton*

Page 8

