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## ASG approves gay/lesbian club constitution unanimously

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Photo Editor

The Clackamas Community College Gay/Lesbian Rap Group was officially approved and recognized as a college club by the Associated Student Government with a unanimous vote December 11.

The group's constitution states their purpose to "... discuss gay/lesbian issues and to be a support group." Advisor Vince Fitzgerald states the goal of the group as "...providing the needed and desired support for people who are interested in reflecting on their personal relationships."

The current seven members meet every Tuesday at noon in Barlow 114 to discuss common issues, concerns and relationships; to provide information; to clarify facts on topics such as AIDS and promiscuity; and to provide support.

"When the group first came in," says Student Programs Specialist Paul Kylo, "we thought 'great, no problems here.' So the group put up informational signs. We got a few calls saying that it didn't look good for the community, but this office hasn't received any major complaints."

The groups advisor, Vince Fitzgerald, however, said that he had received panicky com-

munity calls, negative letters, and negative feedback from staff members. "Things got out of hand at first. One sign was torn down, and one was actually burned in the stairwell where it had been put up."

Since then, the group has switched to a less conspicuous informational form of fliers. Fitzgerald said that 19 out of 20 of those fliers first put up in Barlow were torn down by staff members.

Paul Kylo stated the position of the student activities office, "This club is the same as any other club and will be treated the same. They're entitled to the same rights and privileges, and will have the same responsibilities." His personal position is: "The group has been very cooperative to work with. They've gone out of their way to ensure proper procedures. In general, they've gone out of their way to do the things the right way, the correct way, the best way."

One unique thing about the group is their constitution. "It's one of the best written," said Paul Kylo. In fact, Chemeketa Community College and Linn Benton Community College have both requested copies of the group's constitution as a guideline for the forming of their own gay/lesbian groups.

Article six of their constitution covers abandonment of the group and distribution of funds thereafter. "The club funds shall be held for two years. When the two years are up, the funds shall be given to the Cascade AIDS Project."

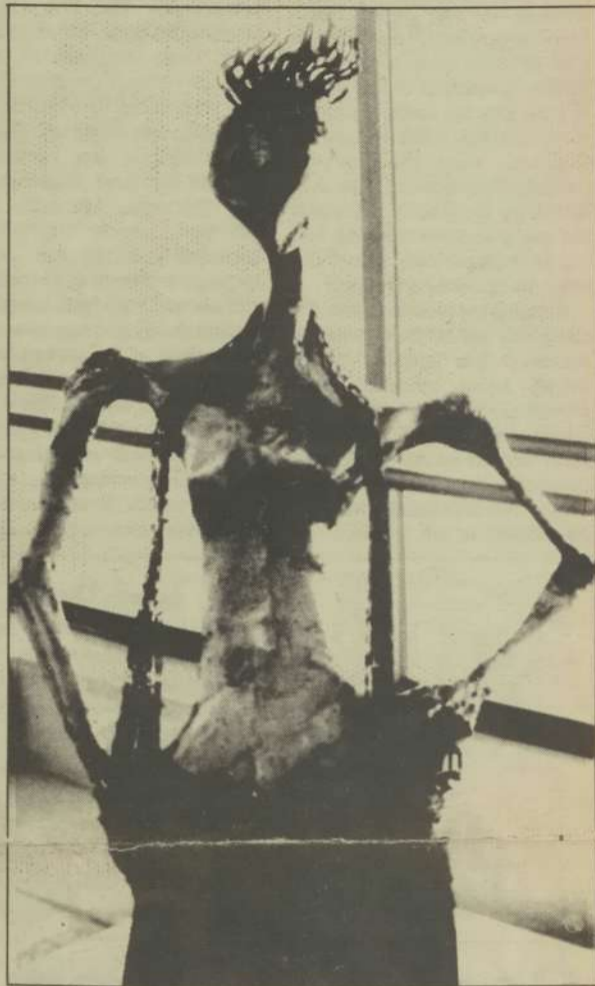
Fitzgerald prepared a statement for Jim Roberts, Dean of Student Services for a board meeting: "This group of students has requested college assistance in organizing a support group for persons living a minority lifestyle."

"The college, in providing emotional and psychological support by means of a faculty/counselor moderator, is not thereby officially approving and/or encouraging a particular sexual preference."

"What the college is doing, is providing assistance for all members of our student population, in order that they be better able to succeed in their academic and career preparation, as well as continue to enjoy and contribute to the society in which they live. The ASG has given formal approval to the group's constitution."

"I'm totally dedicated to providing this service," states Fitzgerald. "I'm real pleased to have the opportunity to provide assistance to this minority group who otherwise might not have this service."

## Art Show



A sculpture display, featuring various artists is being shown in the Pauling Art Gallery. Next week, *The Print* will feature a two page photo essay on the display. Photo by Bret Hodgert

## School funding, budgets top legislative agenda

by E.A. Berg  
News Editor

State community college and Department of Education officials want over \$144 million from the 1987 Legislature to operate and improve Oregon's community colleges.

That includes \$121.5 million in operating funds, about \$5.5 million more than the current two-year budget period. This represents a 32 percent share of operating costs.

CCC President John Keyser said this is down from a 48 percent share, back when the community college system was first being established in the early 1970's. Local taxpayers have shouldered the increased costs.

Keyser feels the first priority of the 1987 Legislature, which convened Monday, is to keep the schools open. "When the schools close here, it makes the front page of the Wall Street Journal. It makes the front page of the Los Angeles Times. It's on the CBS Evening News," he said, "School closures are bad for people and bad for economic

development."

Senate President John Kitzhaper and House Speaker Vera Katz are leading a drive to establish up-to-date tax bases for each of Oregon's school districts. The plan would essentially make each district's current levy its tax base. Growth of the levy would be proportional to growth in per capita income and property values within the district.

The "safety net proposal" as it is called, has strong bipartisan and business support. It could be on the ballot for Oregon voters as soon as May. Keyser said he supports the proposal.

Community colleges also want \$3.3 million for maintenance, 2.8 million for instructional equipment, and \$7.9 million for construction and remodeling projects. Keyser added that no appropriations for campus construction have been authorized since 1979. He said the state expects each district to shoulder these costs.

A popular economic development program may receive the largest increase. \$2.75 million is

being requested to expand Small Business Development Centers. Only \$520,000 was appropriated in 1985.

The program has a proven track record for improving profitability and increasing employment in participating businesses, Keyser said. The 15 campus network is operating at full capacity. CCC hopes to establish an additional center in North Clackamas County, he added.

A total of \$5.75 million is requested to establish a community college-based job training network and to improve community college-high school training programs.

The Oregon Community College Association is seeking legislation to set up a separate agency and governing board for community Colleges.

Keyser said all of Oregon's community college presidents and boards support such a system. Despite staunch opposition from State Superintendent of Public Instruction Verne Duncan, Keyser said its chances of passage is "pretty good."



Photo by Bret Hodgert

The Reverend Chumleigh and his rather sheepish dog Roadie entertained CCC students last week with incredulous acts of hilarity and daring.

