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Council views tax base

by Michael L. Walker
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The President's Council is meeting currently to discuss the idea of implementing a tax base for Clackamas Community College.

"I personally feel that the tax base would be to our advantage and to the public's advantage. I think it would be a better college with a tax base," said President John Keyser.

Unlike the Rate Base Serial Levy (passed March 22) which must be renewed every two years, a tax base is long term funding which amounts to an increase of 6% in property tax revenues each year.

What property owners pay in property tax amounts to 50% of the school's budget. Taxes paid are dependent on the assessed value of the property.

But what does a tax base mean for CCC?

"A tax base would mean that we would have funding stability," said Keyser, "Because if we are successful in getting a tax base then we have assured a certain level of funding from the local property tax."

Bill Ryan, Dean of College Services, too feels that a tax base is good for the school: "I think now we could live with a tax base – you can plan ahead what will happen – what you will have in the future. That's why I think a tax base is good for us now."

In John Keyser's view there is only one problem with the tax base: it is good for the college in a time of modest inflation and hard for the college in a time of rapid inflation.

"The negatives of a tax base is that they are bad during times of inflation and they will become out-moded if your costs increase by more than six percent. The tax payers don't like them because there's that automatic increase," said Keyser.

Violation

photo by Beth Coffey

Clackamas Public Safety Chief Stan Johnson appliesa parking ticket, which was raised from $3 to $5 effective March 28.

College passes levy by 6.2%

by Heleen Veenstra
Editor

March 22, Clackamas Community College passed its operating levy by a 52.8% "Yes" to a 47.2% "No" vote.

The total "Yes" votes were 24,859 against a 22,198 "No" vote. Over the November 1987 operating levy, which failed, there was a 6.2% gain in "Yes" votes.

Oregon City and Molalla were the only two districts where the majority voted against the levy. All other six districts: Canby, Estacada, Gladstone, N. Clackamas, West Linn, and Wilsonville passed with a margin as high as 55.8%, and as low as 50.5%.

The operating levy did not pass by a high margin however, "most of the college elections or school elections that pass, pass by a 'Yes' vote that's some place between 51%-54/55%," College President John Keyser said.

Canvassing in the districts was, according to Keyser, a key factor in the turnover of votes. "Some of the other things we did with the lawn signs and the letters and just the overall awareness and cutting the budget, were also major factors."

"I think that the fact that we had a community based campaign with a lot of friends of the college involved made a tremendous difference," Keyser explained.

If the levy had not passed, the college staff would have gone into some meetings to decide whether to run an election in May, whether to keep the same budget or cut it more, and whether to run a Tax Base since May is the proper time to run a Tax Base.

How does Keyser feel about the positive turnout of the levy? "I feel great, wonderful, relieved!"

In Europe. . .

photo by Beth Coffey

Sillhoetted in the entrance of the Salzburg Cathedral, Heidi recalls memories of a European vacation almost over. See page 5 for related photos.

Financial Aid cuts funds

by Heleen Veenstra
Editor

As many as 265 primarily full time students who receive Financial Aid through the Perkins loan, have experienced a cutback Spring term.

Students receiving $129 or less, will not get the financial aid. The funds of the students receiving $130 or more, will be cut by $100. The total amount that will be saved, will be between $17-19,000.

The reason for the shortage of funds is that money has been over awarded. "We have to over award because a number of students who originally receive may drop out. We always award some money that we don't have and we try to come as close as we can in guessing that right," Lee Fawcett, assistant dean of student services, said.

"If you don't overcommit your dollars, there is a danger in not using all the money that you have, and then you have to turn money back to the federal government," Kathy Scheer, financial aid coordinator, explained.

Jim Roberts, dean of student services, said that the amount of financial aid awarded is determined by the number of dollars available, and the number of students requesting financial aid. "An X percentage, based on history, is over awarded. We are always sorry that after we made an award we have to adjust here for the student," Roberts added.

"We are helping more students overall this year than we were last year."

The increase in enrollment could be the reason for the raise in requests; however, "our applications have increased on a far more rapid rate for 87-88 that 86-87, far more than the enrollment increase," Scheer said.

From Winter term 87 to Winter term 88 there was an 8.6 percent increase in the number of students that received national direct student loan and an 8.4 percent increase in the total number of dollars awarded. "So we are helping more students overall this year than we were last year," Scheer added.

The Financial Aid office has given some suggestions to help those students cope with the reduction or elimination of their loan. The suggestions are to 1. Check out the Career and Job Development Center about a part time job. 2. Take out an Emergency Loan. 3. Research scholarship possibilities. 4. Increase the Guaranteed Student Loan if students are receiving one and are not up to the maximum amount.

"We are willing to do everything we can, but we just can't loan money that we don't

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