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In a scene from Clackamas County Repertory Theatre's production, "Merton of the Movies," the Montague girl, played by Julia Machacek, comforts Merton (Brent Crook) after he discovers that he has been betrayed by being starred in a comedy film, which he hates. "Merton" will be performed tonight, Friday and Saturday at 8:30 p.m. in the McLoughlin Theatre on campus.

Enrollment drop causes monetary woes

What is each full time student worth? "\$1,000," said Dr. John Hakanson, President of Clackamas Community College. A decrease in enrollment is creating an estimated \$340,000 loss in revenue, which is five percent less than budgeted, said Hakanson.

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He explained that there are 200 fewer full time students (FTE's) than the state will reimburse the college for, and 600 fewer. He explained that there are 200 fewer full time students (FTE's) that the state will reimburse the college for, and 600 fewer FTE's than budgeted for in tuition. Chuck Adams, Director of Admissions, said that enrollment is down about 6.7 percent, and that community colleges across the nation are averaging 7 to 8 percent decrease in enrollment. "The largest part of the drop is due to Korean Vets who are not attending because their benefits ran out last May," said Adams. He added that another factor may be that employment is up.

Hakanson said that this is the first time that CCC has had a decrease in enrollment from one year to the next. The greatest drop this year is in full time occupational supplementary, and non-credit classes. There is also a trend toward fewer high school students attending community colleges.

To meet the problem, Hakanson said that there will be a temporary freeze on all capital outlay items. No vacancies will be filled without careful consideration of the need, and prior approval.

Each Dean is to reduce spending on goods and services by five percent of the budgeted amount. Teachers are encouraged to consolidate classes and teach evenings, and no one is to work overtime.

A meeting was held on November 2, in which Hakanson discussed the problem with faculty, administration, ASG officers and classified section officers.

All were encouraged to take a more vigorous effort to attract high school students, and put forth a more creative effort to keep the students who do enroll.

Sexual minorities group seeks legitimate movement at CCC

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There is a legitimate movement at Clackamas Community College to form an organization to raise sexual consciousness concerning a viable, legitimate option in our culture, according to Vince Fitzgerald, minorities advisor at CCC.

The Association for Sexual Liberation is being formed to give persons with interests in minority areas of human sexual behavior mutual support and an outlet for self-expression.

Although students involved have been reluctant to associate themselves with the counseling department and its connotations of helping those who feel they have a problem, Fitzgerald stressed his availability as minorities advisor.

"Anyone who feels they are in a minority position in our society -- sexually, culturally or racially -- is encouraged to stop and talk," said Fitzgerald. "I am offering my services as a point of contact for any minority alliance."

Fitzgerald feels that students are reluctant

to present themselves at the Student Activities office for fear that the whole movement has been a joke. "There has been an undercurrent of contact but only two or three who have shown any open interest," he said.

Jean Powrie has created quite a bit of controversy on the CCC campus with his effort to initiate the gay liberation movement here.

Powrie is interested in starting a consciousness raising association especially concerned with sexual awareness.

"I would like to gather a core of half a dozen or so homosexual, lesbian and bisexual persons who are interested in raising the consciousness level and improving the political and social position of sexual minorities," said Powrie. "The emphasis will be on the gay movement but all minorities who share the same problems are welcome."

Powrie is a member of the Portland Town Council, a political organization composed of gay people who are trying to get legislation passed which will insure that the civil rights of gay people are protected.

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