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Board mulls 1977-78 budget problems

"There's too much focus on women" Ralph Groener, member of the Clackamas Community College Board of Education, said. "I'll believe that when I see a woman in," replied Anne Nickles, another CCC board member. "I'd like to see a Focus on Men," said Jerry Wright, also a board member.

By Lenna Fitch
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Monday night, Nov. 22, members of the Clackamas Community College's Board of Education debated CCC President John Hakanson's proposal that next year's budget allow for a \$7,000 increase for the Focus on Women committee.

Hakanson said that there are 500 more women on campus this year and that he thinks the Focus on Women program helps enrollment.

"It's good promotion," Hakanson said. According to Bernice Evans, CCC counselor and chairperson of Focus on Women, the present budget allows for a \$1,890 budget. She said that the need of an increase is demonstrated by attendance at the program which is up 400 percent from last year. They are presently operating on money from other budgets.

Additional items Hakanson asked the board to consider included \$7,000 for a staff development program, and \$15,000 to \$25,000 for equipment replacement (a capital projects fund).

To Hakanson's proposals, board member Ralph Groener added a Focus on Contemporary Community Concerns program, of which he tacked on a figure of \$10,000.

"I'd rather see something like this than Focus on Women," Groener contended. He said that women have overdone it, and that men have done the same thing.

"We should bring more practical concerns to the students, and teach them how to make their own neighborhoods work," he emphasized.

The board met to discuss next year's budget and approved a motion that the 1977-78 budget come in at the same dollar amount as the '76-'77 document -- with the exception of fixed costs such as utilities, insurance, etc.

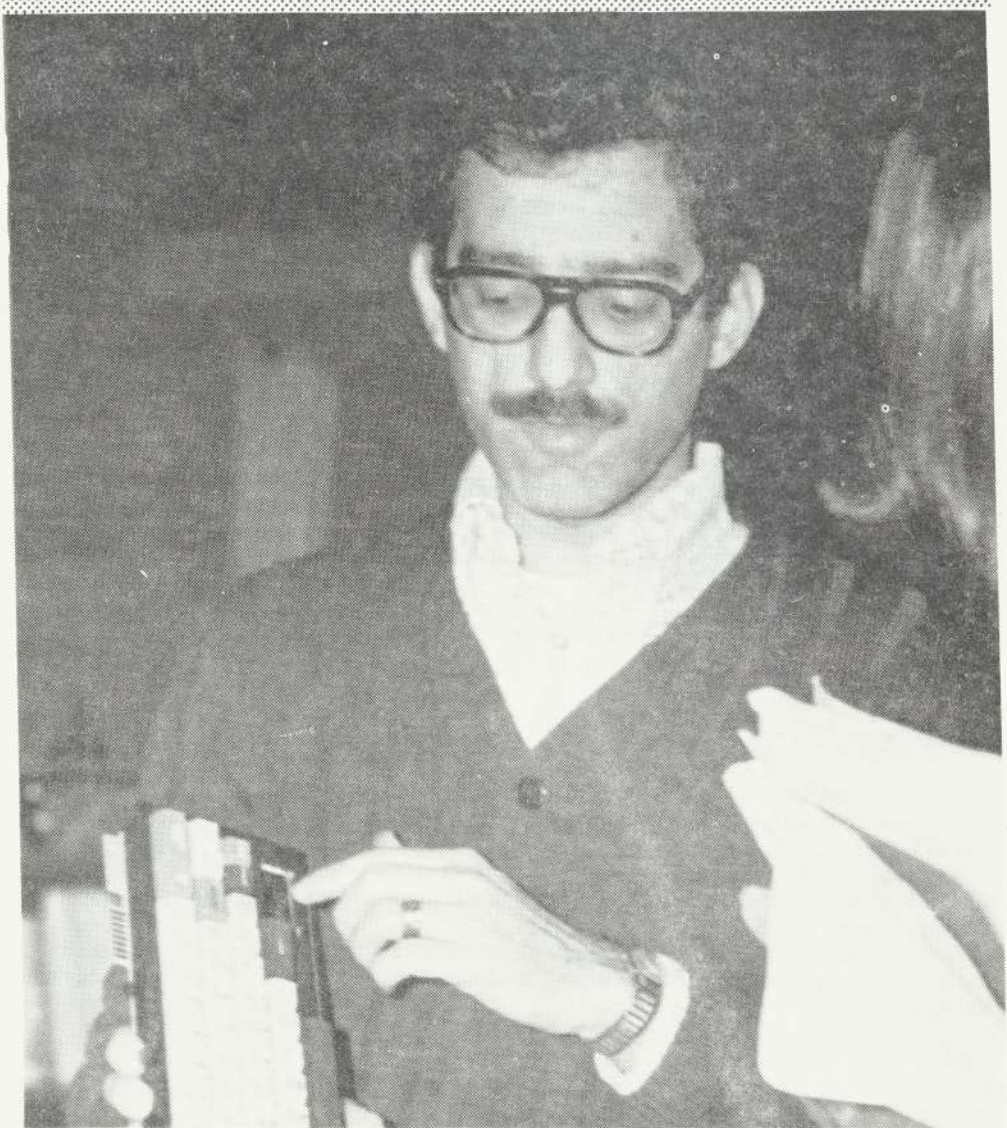


Photo by Jerry Wheeler

Mike Aronson, CCC physics instructor, shows Cougar Print reporter Barbara Dikty the terminal keyboard that will be used in the operation of the IMSAI 8080 microcomputer. Aronson and fellow physics teacher Dan Liethoff are working on the project.

Instructors continue computer construction

By Barbara Dikty
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Mike Aronson is building a computer -- a computer the size of an overnight case.

Aronson, a physics teacher at CCC, is building a IMSAI 8080 microcomputer in the Physics Lab. He expects to have it completed by June of 1977. Total cost of the microcomputer is \$1600.

"Computers are only in their infancy," said Aronson. Eighteen years ago, a computer with the capacity of the IMSAI 8080 would have filled a small room. Today, new technological advances have drastically shrunk computer size while expanding their work load capacity.

Vacuum tubes and moving parts have been done away with, said Aronson. In the 8080 there are transistors, each the size of a cigarette lighter. Each of these transistors perform the work of 50 vacuum tubes.

"In a few years, computers will be even smaller," said Aronson.

Dan Liethoff, another physics teacher at CCC, expects that in the near future microcomputers will find their way into people's homes.

"Just imagine a computer set into the wall of a house that automatically controls the house's internal environment," said Liethoff. "And it could also keep track of your bills so at tax time you'd just punch a button to get a record of the previous year's bills."

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