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Faculty boycotts First Monday Club

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The Clackamas Community College faculty senate has voted unanimously to boycott future meetings of the First Monday Club.

The First Monday Club was originally formed four years ago and was designed to provide a chance for an open exchange of ideas between the faculty and administration.

The first year was useful, productive and went pretty smoothly. The second year, however, saw trouble. The meetings deteriorated and became "bitch" sessions. The club was soon dissolved and tucked away in the file cabinets.

Last spring the Internal Communications Committee recommended that the First Monday Club be reestablished with the inclusion of representation from Student Government and the classified staff.

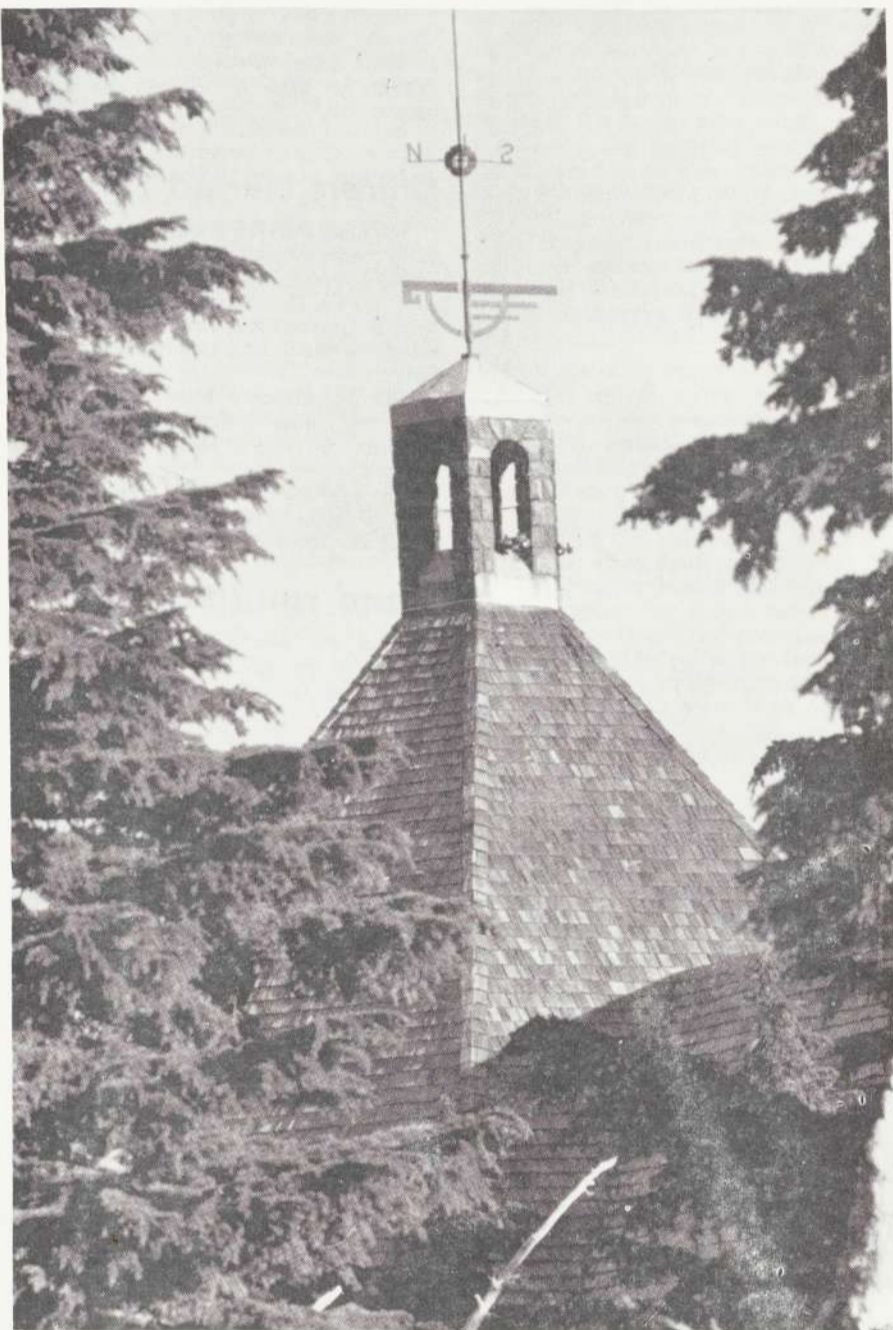
The first meeting held this fall, was convened basically to establish a general consensus on the structure and content of future meetings. What was thought to be a general consensus later turned out to be just the opposite.

A memo was sent to the members of the club from the president's council setting down a general format for future meetings. Included was the stipulation that each group be represented by a specific number of people who would be the only ones allowed to participate in the discussions.

After the second meeting of the club the faculty senate voted unanimously to withdraw from the First Monday Club. The reason for their actions were based on the feeling that the spirit of open communication is no longer being encouraged.

In a letter to the president's council, the faculty outlined three specific reasons for their withdrawal. The reasons are the limited number of faculty senators allowed to participate, the formal structure of the group and the restriction of discussion topics, such as the refusal by the president's council (Nov. 9 meeting) to allow "spur of the moment" topics to be discussed because of "previous experience."

"What we would like to see is a return



Snow still to come

The tall spire and weather vane that peers from atop Timberline Lodge on Mt. Hood is unadorned by the heavy pack of snow that is usually there by Thanksgiving. The lack of snow in Northwest mountains is discussed in the Winter Recreation Issue 1976 which begins on Page 7 of this week's Cougar Print. The news and advertising staffs hope to make the special issue a yearly publication.

to a non-structured meeting," said faculty senator Jim Streeter.

Speaking of the original First Monday Club, senator Marcia Myers said, "Informal structure was the main strength of the meetings."

A meeting was held on Tuesday, Dec. 7, to discuss and clarify the faculty's position on the reasons they were dissatisfied with the First Monday Club.

At the meeting Dr. John Hakanson, president of CCC, said he was open for suggestions for future First Monday Club meetings.

"This is a very good positive step in the right direction," said Dolly Ammons, faculty senate president.

As a result of Tuesday's meeting there will be faculty senate representatives at the next First Monday Club meeting. It will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 11, at 1 p.m.

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