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Clackamas Community College

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## CCC asks voters for \$3.6 million

Clackamas Community College's operating levy goes before Clackamas County voters Tuesday, April 19.

The college is asking for \$3,578,786, an increase of approximately 9.4 per cent over last year's request of \$3,265,559. According to CCC President and Budget Officer Ann Hakanson, this increase coincides with the assessed value of Clackamas County property.

It is estimated that last year's operating levy of \$1.46 per \$1,000 of true cash property value will not increase this year.

It is also estimated that the bonded indebtedness rate (the amount taken as annual

payment on college bonds sold in 1968), will go down from 19c per \$1,000 true cash property value to 12c. This rate will be levied whether the operating levy passes or fails.

The end result is that even though the total rate asked for is less than that approved last year the college will receive more money should the levy pass.

The total operating budget for the 1977-78 school year is \$7,733,286. The operating levy would make up 43.9 per cent of the total figure. The rest of the total consists of state reimbursement (35 per cent) and student tuition (14.1 per cent). The remaining

7 per cent consists of sources such as income, available cash on hand and money from special programs.

The present operating levy expires June 30 and a new levy must be approved before the start of fall term 1977 if the college is to operate for the 1977-78 school year. CCC does not have a tax base to fall back on.

There are currently six Oregon community colleges that have tax bases including Portland Community College and Mt. Hood Community College. CCC has tried and failed on more than one occasion to get the voters to approve a tax base.

"We tried it a few times and after it had been defeated people called up and said that they would vote yes for yearly operating levies but not for a tax base," said Hakanson. "Voters feel like they have less control over you if there's a tax base."

What Hakanson would like to see in the future is a rate levy that would be approved for a certain number of years where the college would receive the same amount per \$1,000 of true cash property value for that period of time.

If the voters approve the levy April 19 it will be the fourth time in CCC history that an operating levy was passed on the first try.

"People have the idea that the levy never passes the first time but the budget has passed the first time a good many times," said Hakanson.

Last year's levy went before the voters twice and was approved on the second try without being reduced. Only three times in CCC history has it taken more than two elections to get voter approval of the college's operating levy.

## Magazine asks for contributions

Dawn, a literary magazine published at Clackamas Community College, is now accepting contributions from students and staff.

Categories include poetry, fiction, articles and photographs. English students and art majors are encouraged to submit copies of their work but selection will not be limited to these areas. Anyone expressing a desire to see their "sweat-of-brow" creations in print will be given consideration.

"We're not looking for professionals," said Harry Bielskis, Dawn associate editor, "but we would like to get a cross-section of works from within the college community."

Written contributions such as short stories and poetry should be typewritten and double-spaced. Art work such as drawings, paintings and sculptures should be photographed in 8" x 10" glossy black and white.

Contributions can be returned after publication and should be submitted to Trailer B, Student Publications or the Student Activities center, by May 1. Dawn will go on sale before the end of spring term.



The spring sun casts cool shadows in CCC's new arboretum information center now under construction near Clairmont Hall. When finished, the center will provide information to the general public regarding the Arboretum/Ecology Pond on campus. (See story on page 3.)

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