

Administrator questions need

Athletic seating facilities proposed

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Clackamas Community College on March 8, the CCC Board approved \$12,200 to be spent on the athletic department for "Remodeling Spectator Seating."

The college's outside physical education facilities are used very extensively in the budget proposal submitted by Monroe, Dean of Student Services. Although we have some bleachers to accommodate the public for many adequate spectator seating is not provided for large attendance events.

A portion of money is earmarked for the development of spectator seating on the west bank overlooking the track and football field. Failure to provide adequate seating in the near future will, in all probability, limit the use of our facilities for athletic events," said Monroe in the budget proposal.

According to John Hooley, division chair for humanities and social sciences, the college told this would be the first phase of stadium development.

"I've lied to the public repeatedly, but we would never build a stadium," Hooley said. "The bleachers we have are old and they are not set up right for large events anyway."

Portable bleachers approved by the board last year are situated on the east end of the track. However, all track events start on the west side.

Hooley feels Monroe is the main force behind this budget item. However, Monroe said there are plans to build a stadium. It will be permanent mass-attendance seating. In no way is this intended to be a stadium as some people have assumed," Hooley said. "All we'll do is pour a little concrete and put boards on it."

The additional seating will consist of an estimated 200 to 300 seats for spectators on the west bank overlooking the athletic field," said Monroe.

"We don't need additional spectator seating," said Hooley. "The seating we have is adequate if it were situated better."

According to Hooley the public doesn't care how much money is spent on athletics and 90 per cent of the faculty and administrators want to continue with football anyway.

"The money should go for other things," Hooley said.

Monroe feels that the money spent on the permanent mass-attendance seating is easily justified.

"It has been specified by the board of trustees that we make facilities available to the community as a whole," said Monroe.

"We need places for people to sit. We don't have too many mass-attendance events but we can't expect people to sit on the ground in the rain. The money spent on seating will more than be made up in money people will save on colds and flu if they don't have to sit on the ground in the rain," said Monroe.

The board didn't want permanent type seating," said Ralph Groener, CCC board member. "It was our understanding that the seating would be moveable bleachers of the type we already have, the kind that can be moved and moved."

Hooley later said that he was not at the meeting where this item was discussed and that he really didn't know anything about it.

According to Chuck Hudson, CCC athletic director, more seating is needed for the home football games to be held here in the future.

"We haven't had football here in the past because we didn't have a score clock, field or places for people to sit," said Hudson. "We're going to start with a little seating and do a little more each year until we have lots of seating for all sports."

"It (this seating) could appeal to the community as a whole, not just school activities," said Ann Nichol, budget committee member. "We have a very large community potential for people to use these bleachers to watch their husbands, fathers or whatever running on the track."

"Temporary structures are never com-

pletely secure. This permanent structure was a combination of low cost facility and compatibility with community events," said Nichol.

"I don't presently have a feel of the need for this facility," said Roger Rook, a CCC board member who originally voted to delete the measure.

"I have not historically been a supporter of football and have tried to see that all expenditures have been rational. But my recall of this matter is not that good and I don't feel that I am prepared to vote on it at this time," said Rook.

"This budget has not been adopted," said Groener. "Now is the time for student and voter input on any item on it."

The CCC budget again goes to the polls on May 24.



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Organ grinder Vicki Boki and partner Pizza Pete enthrall enthusiastic group of children at drop-in center with tricks of the trade. The two made their visit to CCC last Tuesday. (See related story on page 2.)

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