

ossible cutbacks foreseen

Budget reels under second defeat

Clackamas Community College's \$3.6 million proposed operating levy request was defeated for the second time last Tuesday by approximately 800 votes.

The final tally was 6,725 yes votes to 7,535 no votes.

The major topic of discussion at the June 8 Board of Education meeting will be the college's budget and possible cutbacks.

"I won't say it has to be cut," said CCC President John Hakanson, "but it will be given serious consideration. We will have to look very seriously at everything we do up here."

The next time the levy can go before the voters is Aug. 9 but the college must decide on a budget amount by the last week in June.

Hakanson said he had been concerned since the first election April 19 because most of the favorable areas approved their local school levies and would not have as much incentive to go out and vote this time.

Hakanson also felt that last week's state-wide election of the school safety net proposal played a part of the low voter turnout.

Another possible explanation for the levy defeat is a lack of community identity in Clackamas County, said Hakanson. He feels that the lack of county-wide identity makes it difficult for county residents to identify with the college.

Hakanson was also confused and less-than-happy with the absentee ballot tally -- a large portion of which was made up of student votes. Forty per cent of the absentee ballots were negative votes.

"We've tried a lot of different ways to get the students to vote and I can't remember a single time it paid off," said Hakanson.

If the levy is not approved on Aug. 9, the next opportunity to approve it will be Sept. 20 -- six days before fall term classes are scheduled to start. Even if it were to pass on Sept. 20, Hakanson feels that enrollment will be severely effected.

"People won't wait around to see if we're going to have classes," said Hakanson.

"In August the people in Clackamas County will have the opportunity to decide whether they want a community college or not," said Hakanson.

Poor turnout plagues spring fair

The Associated Student Government sponsored Spring Fair held last week at Clackamas Community College did not come off as well as its backers had expected.

CCC Director of Student Activities Jim Roberts estimated that 500 people participated in the fair during its four day run.

"A turnout of 1,000 would have been enough to make this fair a success," said Roberts.

Roberts faulted the weather and the lack of a major theme for the poor turnout rather than a lack of publicity.

"The weather forced everything inside on Friday," said Roberts, "and coming to the college and seeing empty tents didn't invite them (the public) in."

Roberts said that those involved in the planning of the fair will be involved in an evaluation of the fair in terms of its worth and the reasons it didn't come off as well as had been expected.

Roberts feels that a total college effort will be needed if the fair is to be successful in the future but he thinks that there is definitely worth in the fair.

"A lot of community people thought it was a good idea and they hoped that it would be continued in the future," said Roberts.

According to Roberts, the fair got excellent support from some of the areas on campus, particularly from maintenance and the cafeteria crew.

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Photo by Brian Snook

A member of the "Alley Cats" senior citizen band plays her unique instrument to the tune of "Little Brown Jug" for the "Lei Day" held for senior citizens at Clackamas Community College last Tuesday.

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