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Keyser heads transition team

by Angela Wilson
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College President John Keyser will head Governor-elect Barbara Roberts' transition team.

According to Keyser, Roberts requested that he consider working on her transition team two weeks before the election. Keyser considered the proposition and is using six weeks of accumulated vacation time while heading the team.

As chief of the transition team, Keyser will coordinate eight lead people. Each of the lead people is responsible for a different aspect of the transition. Working under the eight people, there are 10 additional volunteer people on the team.

"I know her well and she knows my approach to people," Keyser said. "I'm not looking for a full time appointment."

According to Keyser, if the chief of the transition team is looking for a full time appointment, it can get in the way of the transition.

"As a community college president, I stand on somewhat neutral ground on community issues, not only education issues," Keyser said. "Community colleges are close to the people and she (Roberts) has that approach."

Keyser added that the four major factors in transition are "to communicate key policy issues, discuss significant budget implications, select appointments



Photo by Lane Scheideman

John Keyser, college president, is chief of Governor-elect Barbara Roberts' transition team. Keyser will be working with the team for the next six weeks. While Keyser is gone Lyle Reese will be acting as college president.

and staff and plan the inauguration scheduled for Jan. 14, 1991. The transition team will also help in the selection of the new secretary of state, the position that Roberts currently holds.

"Barbara wants an easy transition," Keyser said. "When Goldschmidt was elected he pretty much cleaned house, but Barbara only plans a few replacements in her staff."

When talking about the elec-

tion Keyser said "she had a lot of grass roots support and that's what made all the difference.

"It will be a great growth experience," said Keyser. "I have never worked at that level of government before.

"I hope to bring up some tough areas and to help community colleges in Oregon," Keyser said. "I guess that's my bias - education and community colleges."

Measure 5 forces options for funding school system

by Jennifer Soper
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Voters made their wishes known on Nov. 6 when they approved a property tax limitation measure that will reduce funds available for schools, law enforcement and fire services.

"I think there's an opportunity with Measure 5 to solve a problem that has been in existence for a very long time," said College President John Keyser.

"The key issue is an alternative funding source (for schools)," Keyser continued.

There are still many questions about the actual impact of Measure 5 on the school system. Until the Oregon legislature determines the amount of money that will be diverted from the general fund to schools, administrators everywhere will be playing guessing games as they plan their budgets.

"These questions will not be answered quickly. They will not be answered easily," explained Keyser about the funding issues now facing education.

"The real impact has not been defined yet," said Dean of College Services Gary Dirrim. "We're just really trying to not over-react."

Currently, the college has implemented a hiring freeze. The administration is also looking for other ways of reducing expenditures without cutting staff or reducing student services.

"The hardest thing about Measure 5 is not having stable ground to stand on," explained Assistant to the President for College Advancement David Dickson. "We're going to do eve-

rything we can to soften the impact on students and staff."

The impact of Measure 5 will not be fully realized until the 91-92 school year. Planning for the next academic year's budget begins next month although a final budget is not expected to be approved until June 1991.

"We're going to be looking at reducing costs and increasing revenue," said Dirrim.

One way of increasing funds is to raise tuition and fees for students. However, there is already a tuition increase planned for the 91-92 school year.

Another source of funding for schools may be a sales tax. Governor-elect Roberts has said she will propose this idea to the legislature and give the option to voters.

"We are looking at this. We are not just going to wait until the impact hits us," explained Dickson. "We've got to show the public that we aren't just looking for another tax source."

On Nov. 14, community colleges from around the state gathered in Salem to discuss issues and alternatives for funding. One idea that is being considered is a cap on the number of students admitted to the campuses. Other thoughts included adding or increasing fees and making fewer credits required for full-time students so schools can increase tuition. The next meeting is scheduled for Dec. 6.

"There is just a broad spectrum of what community colleges in Oregon want to do," explained Dirrim.

Events scheduled for alcohol awareness

by Angela Wilson
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Alcohol and Drug Awareness week will take place next week. The event is being sponsored by Associated Student Government (ASG).

According to Becca Schroeder, ASG Administrative Assistant and coordinator of the event, the purpose of the week is to remind students and faculty not to drink and drive, especially during the holidays, and to increase awareness to alternatives to drinking alcohol and the consequences of drinking.

"It's (alcohol) an issue here because it's an issue in the country. I think it can affect us even though it's hard to see because we don't have a campus life," Schroeder said.

A variety of events are scheduled for the week including exhibit booths by Mothers Against Drunk Drivers (MADD), Alcoholics Anonymous (AA), and the County Police; an assembly featuring speakers on different aspects of drugs and alcohol; a film or slide show; and a drug and alcohol free party on Friday night.

ASG is having a poster contest open to all students. The theme Keep it Safe and Sober (KISS) must be used on the poster; the entries must be in good taste, and must not be larger than 18"x20". The posters are due today by 5 p.m. and can be turned in at the student activities window. The winning poster will be chosen by a student vote which is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, Nov.

28. "There will be a wrecked car on display and it will be filled with beer cans," Schroeder said. "We're having a contest to see who can guess how many cans are in the car."

Awards for the beer can and poster contests will be given at the Awards Ceremony on Friday Nov. 30. According to Schroeder, the prizes will be gift certificates or possibly cash.

The drug and alcohol free party is tentatively scheduled for Friday Nov. 30 from 7:30 to 11 p.m. in the Community Center Mall. According to Schroeder there will be movies, games and a live DJ. The mall area is available for that day but the final approval hasn't been made.

'Tis the Season for the Jazz Ensemble Christmas show

by Heidi A. Hoffman
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To get a taste of Christmas early this year join the Clackamas Community College Vocal Jazz Ensemble along with guest appearances by several outstanding Clackamas alumni.

This will be an opportunity for Vocal Jazz patrons and alumni to join for the "downbeat" of this year's performance series for the

Vocal Jazz Ensemble. The performance will be held in the Community Center Mall at 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 30.

Another seasonal favorite for concert goers is the "Christmas by Candlelight" which tells the Christmas story in a delightful setting. It features the Chamber Singers, College Chorale, Community Choir and Brass Ensemble. The show will be at 8 p.m. on Dec. 9.

"Tis a Gift" featuring the Clackamas Vocal Jazz Ensemble will also be performed in December. This will be an encore performance for those who need to further satisfy their appetite for jazz. The performance will start at 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 13 in the Community Center Mall. The tickets will be \$1 students, \$2 adults, children and Gold Card holders enter no charge.

Moving right along . . .

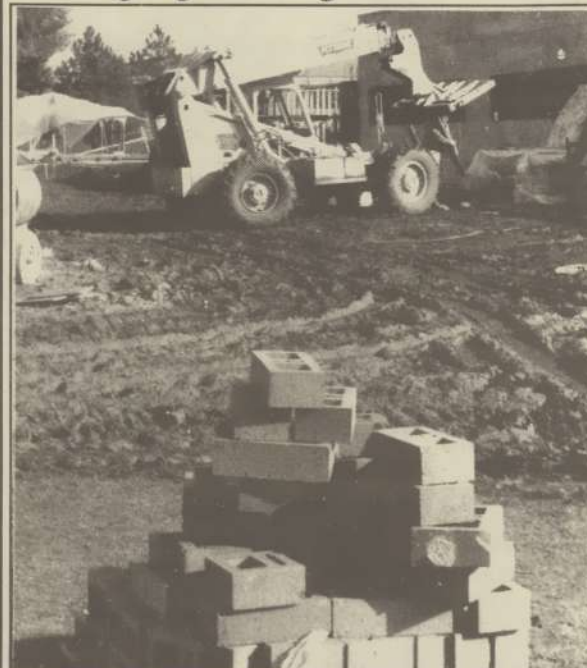


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Each week the new building looks more complete. With the glass in most of the windows and the brick walls going up construction is moving along well.