

ELC offers rafting courses**Take a whitewater adventure****Brendon Neal
Staff Writer**

Are you bored? Check out the rafting trips that the Environmental Learning Center is going to be putting on.

This year there will be trips on the Clackamas, McKenzie, Sandy, North Santiam rivers and two trips down the Deschutes River. There is a 10 percent discount available for members of the Environmental Learning Center and senior citizens.

The Clackamas trip is from noon to 5 p.m., Saturday. It costs \$25 per person. The trip starts at McIver Park and floats down to Barton. There was a preplanning session from 6 to 8 p.m., yesteryes, to discuss the plants, birds and geology around the river.

The McKenzie trip goes from Blue River to Ben and Doris Kay Park. The trip is May 6 and will cost \$45. There is also the option for an overnight campout, day hike and soak at a local hot springs offered. The planning session will be held from 6 to 8 p.m., May 2 at the center.

For the Sandy River trip the rafts will leave from Doge and go to Oxbow Park. The cost of the trip is \$35 and will be May 13. The price includes rafting equipment. Orientation will be from 6 to 8 p.m., May 9.

The North Santiam River is fast and rocky at lower levels. There are two raft rapids called "Spencer's Hole" and "Carnivore." This trip leaves May 20. Cost is \$45.

The Environmental Learning Center recommends intermediate skills for this trip. Rafters also



may go on an overnight camp-out and day hike. The planning session is from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., May 16.

There are two Deschutes River trips. The first one goes from Harpham Flats to Sandy Beach for an overnight campout on June 3.

It includes a no-host dinner in Maupin and will be followed by an astronomy lecture and stargazing. The pre-trip meeting is

from 6 to 9 p.m., May 30. The trip costs \$80.

The other Deschutes trip is on June 10. It is an overnight camp-out. The Environmental Learning Center will host a natural history and astronomy lecture for trip participants from 6 to 8 p.m., June 6. The cost is \$80.

If you want to register for one of these trips, call ext. 2351 Tuesday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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plained one of the preschool children of his whereabouts when the alarm went off.

"I was about to say, 'what was that?' I was in the back of the line and I had to hold the door open."

The child said he waited outside for so long that "I had to sit down because my legs were too tired to stand up anymore."

After being evacuated and kept outside for about 30 minutes, staff and children were allowed back inside the building.

Amidst mumblings of having an exciting morning, children resumed play.

Preschool teacher Dana McCart said her four-year-old students cooperated well under the stress.

"They went right to the door, stood nice and still outside for a long time. Once I explained to them that we had to get outside because the smoke would hurt our lungs, and we needed the outside air, they were ok with that," McCart said.

Enroll now in exotic classes at the ELC**Brendon Neal
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If you are tired of sitting in a class room taking notes about abstract subjects, try going to one of the classes being put on in May by the Environmental Learning Center.

Primitive Cooking allows participants to learn from mountain men how to cook on an open fire, stick, grate, spit or in the coals. It is from 9 a.m. to noon, May 6. The class costs \$30 and includes recipes and notes.

Another class, Butterfly-Hummingbird Gardens, will be held from 1 to 3 p.m., May 6. The class will talk about ways to attract butterflies and hummingbirds through achieving full season garden color and planting new plants. The cost

is \$15.

Cast Iron Cooking teaches how to care for and cook with cast iron. The class starts at 9 a.m. and goes to noon on May 13 and costs \$30.

Learn how to use fresh herbs in every day cooking in Cooking With Herbs. The class runs from 1 to 3 p.m., May 20, and costs \$15. It will also discuss how to save money by growing herbs.

Kitchen Cosmetics teaches how to use fresh herbs to make homemade cosmetics that can be made from a garden. It will be from 1 to 3 p.m., May 27.

There is a 10 percent discount for seniors 65 and older, and to center members. For more information, call the ELC at ext. 2351 Tuesday through Friday.

Council creates plan to improve 'bottom line'**by Jocelyn Gauthier
Feature Editor**

President's Council has devised a "Macro" Plan for the 95-96 budget in hopes of decreasing expenditures and increasing revenue in order to improve their "bottom line" by \$500,000.

A combination of anticipated revenue, savings and cuts, this plan is the first step in a multi-year approach which will result in the \$1.7 million gap anticipated to occur over the next four budget years.

"This plan is intended to be consistent with our values and our visions plan. Making budget reductions and increasing FTE is a challenge of significant magnitude. All individuals and departments are encouraged to help improve this draft plan," according to the council.

The following "macro" goals were proposed by the council as a starting point, and they believe that to some extent, these ideas may be easier to implement than those made in the coming years. To "enable more time for creativity," a meeting to discuss ideas for

96-97 and 97-98 will be in motion this fall.

To gain additional revenue of \$100,000, 50 percent of the previous year's profit from each enterprise fund will be returned to the general fund.

For a savings goal of \$10,000, each division will be asked to cut non-contracted travel. For a savings goal of \$20,000, each division will be asked to review the use of part-time classified help.

As much as possible, the institution will try to employ students as part of their educational experience while reducing the amount spent for part-time classified.

For a savings goal of \$14,000, the cost of living increase to Materials and Services accounts will be removed for 95-96.

For a savings goal of \$200,000 to \$250,000, each division will be given a minimum goal of the number of positions it will need to eliminate.

This will be accomplished through retirements, resignations,

reassignments and/or shifting. A problem-solving strategy is still needed as to how to accomplish this, and to help the transition, all vacancies will be frozen for three months.

The savings will be returned to the general fund, and the division will be asked to propose alternatives to filling the vacancies.

For a savings goal of \$25,000, the utility savings from summer weekend closures will be returned to the general fund.

For a savings goal of \$110,185, each department will be asked to look for savings by being responsible for .5 percent of the divisional budget, allowing for problem solving and adjusting as needed.

The projected bottom line improvement for 95-96 is \$479,185 to \$529,185.

Some suggestions given by the departments and divisions on how to save are as follows.

1. A comprehensive study of fee account spending and planning will be conducted to determine the potential for revenue generation.
2. Beginning 1996-97, the driv-

ers education program will return \$10,000 to the general fund with increasing amounts as the program grows.

3. Beginning 1996-97, we will begin to shift the cost of tuition wavers (\$10,000) to Foundation resources. Additional wavers will be transitioned as the planned giving and scholarship efforts grow.

4. Additional attrition savings will be needed and goals set for

each year.

5. Every area of the college will be asked to look for savings.

6. Equipment decision packets will be reduced by \$30,000.

7. An exempt salary freeze will be considered.

8. Design optional ways to deliver services.

9. Use technology to improve efficiency.

10. Consider additional incentives for early retirement.

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