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Clackamas Community College

Smith addresses student concerns



Photo by Joel Coreson

Gordon Smith visited Clackamas' Fireside Lounge for an hour on Monday as one of his last stops on his campaign trail. The lounge was filled to capacity, with students and supporters also listening outside. While visiting the college, Smith answered questions about a variety of topics. See story, photos on page 6.

Measure 47: can college cope?

Brad Zimmerman
Managing Editor

How Measure 47 would impact the college — should it pass — and what Clackamas is doing to prepare was the topic of conversation at a forum held in Gregory Hall on November 1.

"I'm very worried about Measure 47. The polls are not good on Measure 47

... it wasn't too long ago that we were dealing with the first impacts of Measure 5," said college President John Keyser who was the main speaker at the forum.

"The main thing that I would like to communicate is that the

Board of Education did pass a C.O.P (Certificate of Participation) issue which in effect is ... borrowed money, to complete a variety of projects which include the Law Enforcement Training Center, the Horticulture project, dollars to free up the cash reserves because of the water intrusion problem," added Keyser.

Keyser said that CCC has enough money that it will be able to wait one year to see if the college needs to cut any instructors or programs. Keyser also said that Clackamas has been doing a lot of financial planning so that

if Measure 47 passes the college won't be immediately effected (in terms of cutbacks).

According to Keyser, the college will suffer a \$2 million dollar loss for the 1997-98 year, and a \$2.4 - 2.5 million dollar loss for the 1998-99 school year.

"These are pretty big chunks -- similar in amount to the what

the dollars for measure 5 were for us," said Keyser. Keyser added, however, that the college can expect some help from the legislature in the form of financial support for education. In fact, Keyser said that Measure 47 has some language to that effect [of having the legislature finan-

cially help education out].

Keyser said that even though the college has planned for the future, many "on the margin" public organizations haven't given themselves any extra money to handle an emergency.

"Were not going to go through that [cutbacks] here at the college...we're going to do everything possible to avoid that. We've bought ourselves some time -- we're have some time to work with it. We have done some things, thinking of the worst case scenario," said Keyser regarding cutbacks.

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Training Center gets go-ahead

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In an unanimous decision, the college Board of Education approved the project to build the North Clackamas Regional Law Enforcement Training Center near the Clackamas Town Center.

The \$7.2 million project is a triad venture with the community, 43 regional law enforcement agencies and the college. The center's design will serve three main purposes. It will house a Clackamas-area sheriff's precinct, train regional law enforcement officers and provide classes on gun safety to the public.

"This has been a Jim Brouillette and community vision. Several times the issues cooled off but the community wanted it," said Jim Wiseman.

According to Wiseman, the two-year degree program will continue at Clairmont Hall while

weapons qualification for regional law enforcement officers will take place at the new center.

Approximately \$12 million for the sale of certificates of participation has been approved by the college board. The project will be funded by \$7.2 million of those certificates of participation. The additional money is earmarked for repairs and remodeling of the horticulture warehouse and the Apprentice Training Center.

According to college President John Keyser, one of the first things on the agenda is to hire a person to serve as a site manager.

"This person will have an office at Clairmont until the center is completed. They will handle scheduling, the use of the facility and hiring support staff," said Keyser.

The Sheriff's Department has agreed to reimburse the college for its share of the project. Additional fees for using the facility

are planned in order to repay the college's portion of the cost.

Construction of the center fulfills the Sheriff's Department promise of locating a precinct in the Town Center area. The original commitment came from voter approval in 1994 of the North Clackamas Enhanced Law Enforcement District.

Besides on-going training provided for local law enforcement officers, the center will serve both Clackamas students and the public. Criminal justice students will benefit from the training center's state-of-the-art environment.

In a resolution by the Board, it was determined the indoor firing range will be open to public. This is provided users take the firearms safety course. The course consists of safety and responsibility, firearms nomenclature, civil and criminal law, and firing range qualification.

The college contracted with Architects Barrentine, Bates, Lee for the center's design development drawings. They expect to complete the drawings within the next couple of weeks.

The two-and-a-half acre site is located on vacant property at Southeast 82nd Avenue and Sunnybrook Street. It will house three classrooms and a 20-spot indoor range. The projected completion date is May 1998.



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Jim Brouillette, retiring
Director of Public Service

Clinton wins!
As of 6 p.m.
Tuesday,
Democratic incumbent
Bill Clinton
was projected
the winner
over
Republican
Bob Dole for
the
presidency.