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Rankin controversy continues

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Controversy continues to mount around last week's removal of Jennifer Rankin as president of the Associated Student Government.

The issue is whether Rankin can be disciplined under the rules outlined in the Student Handbook (as used by the administration in this case), or whether she is protected as an elected member of ASG under the student Constitution and can be removed only by student action.

According to the Student Handbook, Rankin is entitled to a public or private hearing to appeal the action of her removal. After being notified of the removal, Rankin had five days to respond.

"Jennifer can appeal the action of her removal through the hearing process," said Dian Connett, dean of student services. "She has taken all the necessary steps for a hearing to be held. Now I'm just waiting to get the names of the committee members. Once I have that list we'll all get together and see if we can find some common dates and times, along with Jennifer's schedule, to set up the hearing."

The student constitution sets out the removal of an elected ASG member by the students. When the removal of an elected member of ASG is initiated by a member of ASG, a three-fourths approval of the ASG is required. Impeachment follows and requires a two-thirds approval of the entire student body. When a member of the student body initiates the process to remove an elected ASG member, 100 signatures are first required on a petition. The removal then requires an approval of two-thirds of the votes cast by the student body.

Dr. Dean Darris, a political science instructor and constitutional scholar, wasn't familiar with all of the details in Rankin's removal, but commented on the removal of a student-elected member of ASG.

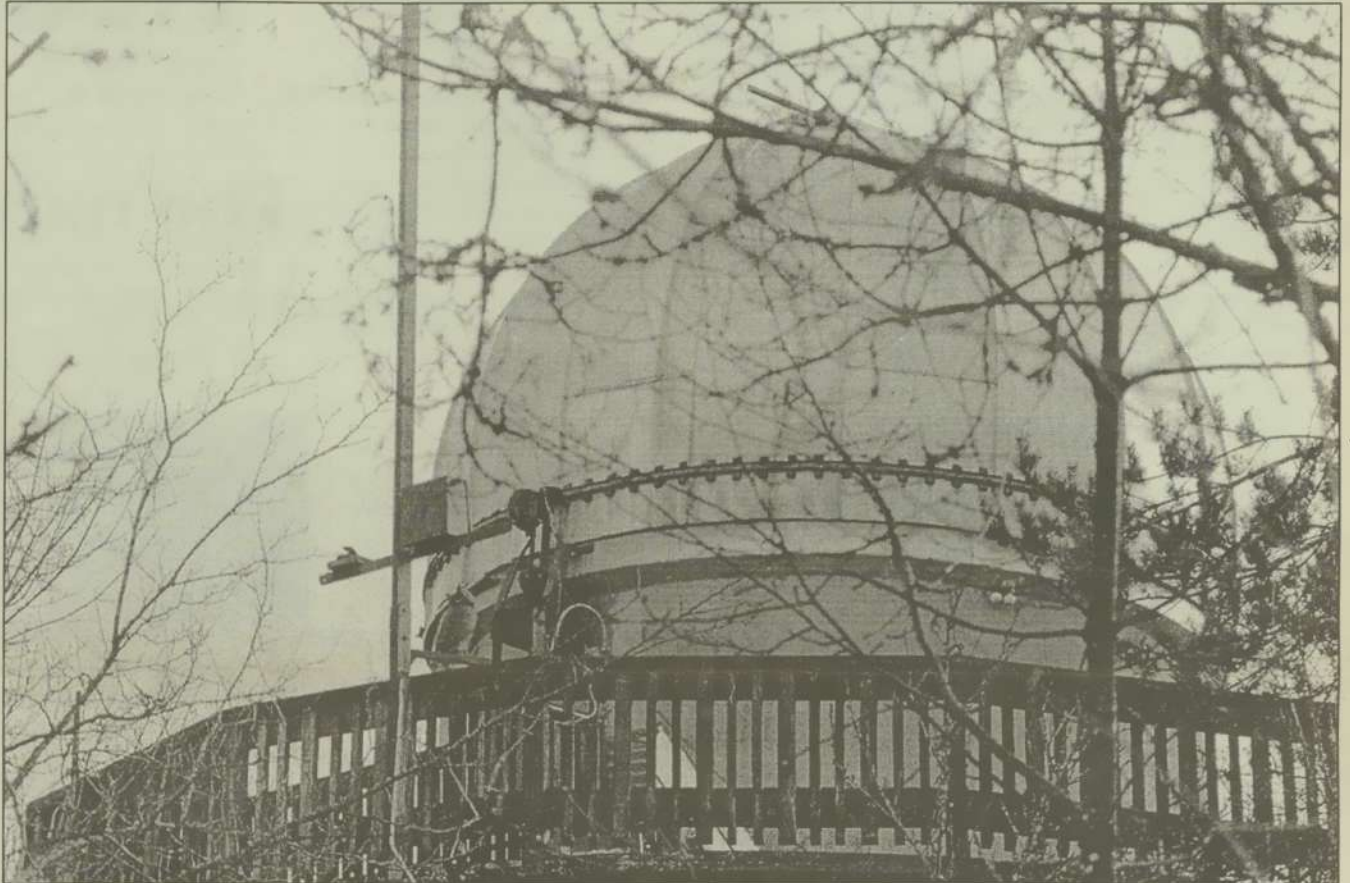
"As an educational institution, if we have a duty to all, we should teach respect of the democratic processes," noted Darris. "I am troubled as an educator and a political scientist that we would not want to instill among students a deep respect for the outcome of elections. We shouldn't easily overturn those.

"For example, if Jennifer has

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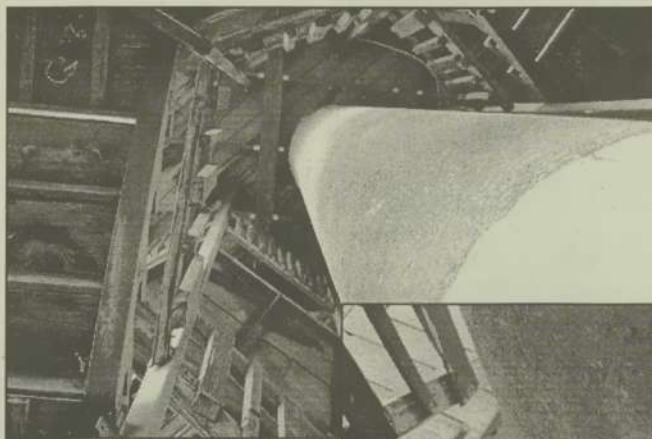
Haggart Observatory in turmoil

ELC fund-raises at the Clackamas Town Center in order to fix CCC's rotting observatory



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The observatory was closed to the public more than one year ago due to rotting timbers.



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Engineering estimates put the cost of replacing the structure at \$72,000. Fund-raising efforts have resulted in pledges totaling \$42,000, and ELC supporters are fund-raising all this month at the Town Center to help raise the remaining money needed.

The hand-built telescope, normally housed under the aluminum dome at the ELC, will be on display at the Clackamas Town Center, on the lower level of Montgomery Wards.



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