

New college president to plan ahead for upcoming year

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Joe Johnson, Clackamas' new college president, has been busy over the summer making plans for the upcoming school year including working on bond-funded building projects.

"Right now we are working on setting up the projects and beginning construction work. We're looking at it in terms of costs as well as budget," informed Johnson.

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At its August meeting, the College Board of Education approved the hiring of Baugh Construction to serve as con-

struction manager and general contractor. Construction projects will be funded by proceeds from a \$47 million bond measure approved by voters in November 2000.

Work includes the renovation of several buildings on campus and the construction of two new facilities, a new automotive and welding technology building and a new gateway center including classrooms for arts, gallery space and a performance hall.

"We will start construction sometime in January," confirmed Johnson.

Besides dealing with building projects, Johnson wants to take

a closer look at the enrollment level at Clackamas, which include the main campus, the Harmony Center and the Wilsonville campus as well as work on marketing issues.

"We hired a new marketing director. I also want to look at the programs and number of classes that are being offered here at Clackamas," he informed.

Other goals are to establish closer partnerships with institutions such as Portland State University, Oregon State University as well as Eastern Oregon University.

"We might have to look at some budget reduction. There will be a major rollback for all of us in the state budget," emphasized Johnson.

So far, Johnson has enjoyed his job as college president.

"I love my job. I find the students and the faculty very friendly and up beat," he said. "Clackamas is a terrific place to be."



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Joe Johnson, college president, has many plans for growing Clackamas. Some of them include working on bond-funded building projects.

Newell Creek set for restoration

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Early this year, Clackamas Community College's John Inskeep Environmental Learning Center launched a long term planning process for the restoration of the Newell Creek watershed. This is largely a pioneering effort. While there are a few similar projects in other places, there is no real precedent, but this may serve as a precedent for other creek restorations in the future, according to ELC Director John LeCavalier.

The restoration process involves the removal of destructive non-native plants like English ivy, Himalayan blackberry, and reed canary grass, but it also involves much more than that. The Newell Creek watershed is the entire area in which rainwater drains to Newell Creek, and to ensure the creek's health means that the health of the entire watershed must be addressed. Therefore, the plan calls for involving the com-

munity around Newell Creek in the restoration process, and making people aware that every action within the watershed has an effect on its health.

Newell Creek is an important local wildlife area. It is the largest unbroken green space in the Metro area, and its headwaters start right on the Clackamas Community College campus. It is home to endangered cod, steelhead and cutthroat fish species, along with a variety of other native wildlife.

The Newell Creek area was once forested with old growth of Douglas fir and western red cedar. It has been logged two or three times, however, it is now mostly forested with bigleaf maple and alder. Runoff drainage, including two thirds of the runoff from CCC's campus, is dumped into the creek. Aside from damage from toxins such as oil, which flows down with the storm water, the overflow from storm drainage causes erosion of the banks and sediment at the bottom of the creek,

which impedes fish spawning. Built in the 1980s, highway 213 runs through the middle of the Newell Creek canyon, and is traveled by an average of 40,000 motorists a day. During the 1990s, urban sprawl began encroaching on the watershed, and put still more stress on it.

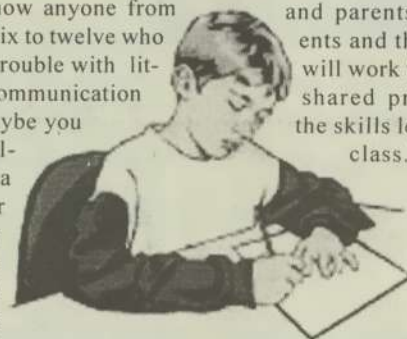
Despite poor urban planning, the creek is far from a lost cause. Part of the plan involves addressing such issues as how different kinds of construction and urban processes affect the health of the watershed.

Students in the ELC program, in collaboration with students from Oregon State University, the University of Oregon and Portland State University are drafting the restoration plan. If you are interested in the Newell Creek restoration project, you can call Planning and Outreach Coordinator Marcia Sinclair at (503) 657-6958 ext. 2643, or e-mail her at sinclairm@clackamas.cc.or.us.

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