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Campus gets a makeover

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Copy Editor

Ground was broken last month on three new buildings to be erected on the Clackamas campus, part of a six-building project that will update classroom space and other facilities at the college.

This project is a result of a \$47 million bond passed by voters in 2000. Some of that money has already been used to help pay for expansion of CCC's Wilsonville campus, Harmony Center and to establish satellite campuses in Canby, Molalla and Estacada.

"An incredible amount of work has taken place since we broke ground last month," said Dean of College Services Al Erdman. "We have already torn down the old C-Tech building, got a lot of the grading work done and have put down gravel in preparation of pouring concrete."

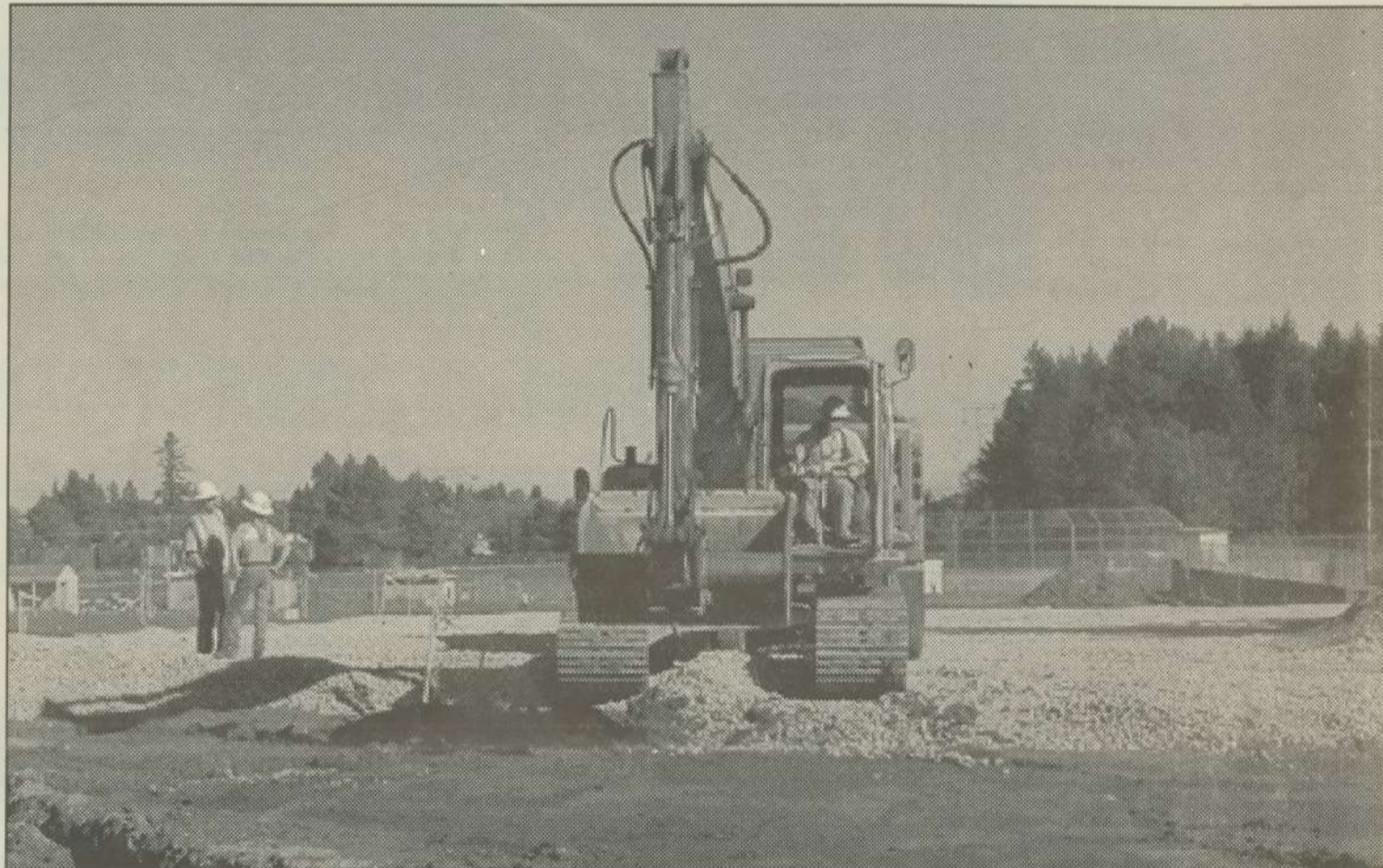
The remains of the C-Tech building were not just thrown away; much of the old structure was sepa-

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Dean of College Services

rated into piles that can be recycled. Metal roofing and siding will be remanufactured into new metal, wood from framing and trusses will be mulched and used as fuel for a plywood mill. Old concrete will become fill or road surface material.

Some of the doors, light fixtures and toilets from the old building may be recycled into some of the new buildings.



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The new art building will be built between the softball field and Randall Hall. The building is due to be finished by Spring term 2003. It is one of three buildings currently under construction. Two more will break ground soon. So far, no problems have occurred with the construction.

As for current construction, no major problems have surfaced. Although some unexpected problems have come up, such as locating all of the utility feeds and lines that proved to be a cumbersome task.

"Yes, locating utility feeds was difficult, but we got those problems solved," said Erdman. "The new Streeter Annex had to be relocated slightly in order for us to get around some existing utility lines, but we got it all worked out."

The new Art building broke ground about four weeks ago. Contractors had to remove old topsoil around the site in order to prepare the pad. The water, sewer and

electrical lines are almost finished and concrete should be ready to pour soon.

"It is vital that we get pads finished and concrete poured soon, before the rainy season sets in," Erdman said. "The buildings, once erected, can be worked on in any weather, but the concrete can not be, for obvious reasons."

Students should see some better results come November, once the shells of buildings are up. Once that happens, however, students and staff will be more aware of what is happening with the increase in activity, and possibly, noise levels will be higher.

"We do not believe there will be any real noise issues," Erdman said. "Barlow Hall (near the new Welding/Industrial building), Streeter Hall (near the new Streeter Annex) and McLoughlin Hall and Randall Hall (near the new Art Center) should not see any higher noise levels. Most of the activity will affect offices of staff more than students. I don't believe there will be any major impact on the library with construction of the new Streeter Annex."

Over the summer of 2002, some of the bond money was used to upgrade current facilities on campus, including the heating/air conditioning systems of all the existing buildings

and fire panel upgrades in all buildings, especially those in the Family Resource Center and Randall Hall. The college also adjusted the interior static pressure of Streeter Hall and the Dye Learning Center, because of problems with leaves and debris blowing into those buildings once the front doors are opened. Raising the interior static pressure will help blow the air out when the doors are opened.

The three newest buildings should be completed in the spring of 2003. Two more buildings, the Gateway building and the Pauling Center annex will break ground this fall and should be completed in the fall of 2003.

Budget cuts will raise tuition

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News Editor

"The sooner we can deal with the problem the better," Al Erdman, dean of college services, said regarding the school's recent, and future, budget cuts.

State revenue is down this year, and since Clackamas receives 15 percent of its funding from the state, the school has taken a budget cut. Also, Clackamas is required to start paying the Public Employees Retirement Services (PERS) surcharge next year. This will cost about \$700,000.

College President Joe Johnson

said the school cut about \$600,000 last year and will cut about \$700,000 this year. "If the income surcharge doesn't pass in January, we may have to cut as much as \$1.4 million," Johnson said.

In response to the cuts that have been made this year, and in preparation for the expected future cuts, all departments have been asked to cut two percent of their spending. Each department will decide individually how to make the cuts. The English department has been asked to save \$40,000, and other departments will have similar losses. Most of the money should come from saving on materials and supplies.

Since Clackamas also needs to increase revenue, tuition is going up. Starting winter term, it will cost \$43 a credit. However, the cost of textbooks will not go up, according to Erdman.

The expanded President's Council is also exploring ways to save and make money. Johnson and Erdman agree that the focus lies on keeping all instructional courses intact. They are trying to make decisions based on what will not impact instruction to students. Since employee salaries make up about 80 percent of the school's spending,

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The parking lot closest to the Community Center closed Monday, October 14 for storage of equipment. The 75 spaces are scheduled to be closed until November 2003.