

# Students and Faculty Concerned Over Bond Measure

Student and faculty groups left wondering how funds will be dispersed

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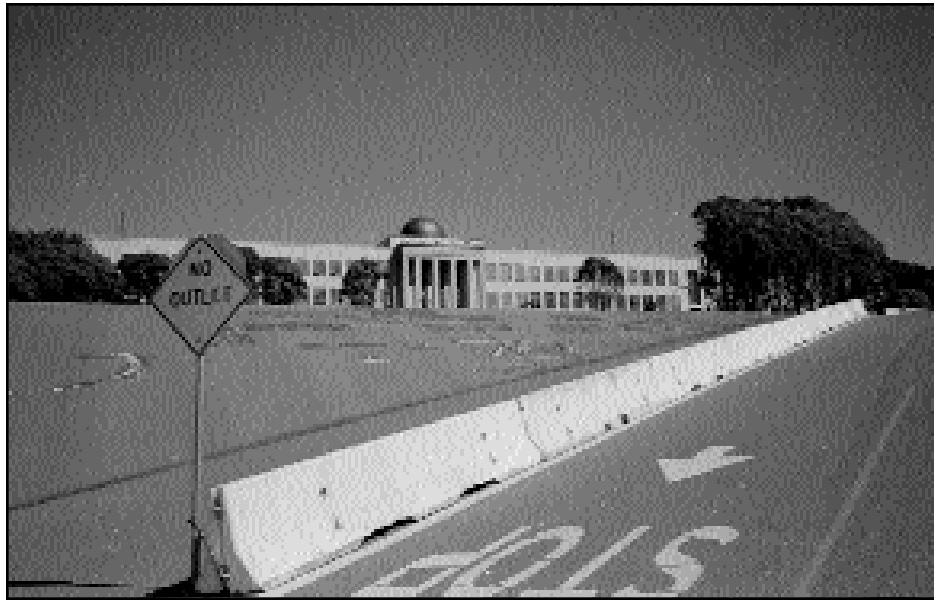
As City College's bond measure rises to \$285 million, students and faculty are concerned they haven't had any input as to how the money will be spent.

On April 26 the Board of Trustees will vote on the approval of the bond measure, setting the proposals in stone for submission to the Department of Elections. Meanwhile, student activists are pushing to have more talks with the administration regarding their needs.

"I only learned about the bond one month ago and I represent all of the students," said Associated Student President Alma Soto. "I don't feel that they've even considered us."

But Chancellor Philip R. Day Jr. insists there have been many opportunities for students to get involved with the bond. He said focus groups have been held and all meetings regarding the bond are open to all students.

On November 6, San Franciscans will vote on a bond measure that could give City College the money that it needs to fund



The Balboa Reservoir would house the Western Wing of the Phelan Ave. campus with funding from the bond measure. The reservoir would feature a new cultural arts theatre and underground parking

a number of important projects. Some \$66 million will go to building new campuses in Chinatown and the Mission. Another \$49 million will build a new community cultural and performing arts center located along Phelan Ave. on the Balboa reservoir. Lastly, \$57 million will complete the renovation of City College's aging facilities.

Chancellor Day also explains that

our existing child care program will not only triple in size, but it will also be able to include children below age five. The proposals will improve City College but there are things that students are asking for that are not on the agenda such as housing.

"Student involvement is not there," said Giulio Sorro of Students Supporting Students. Giulio helps students on a daily basis through his

mentoring program and feels that he hears student issues that the administration doesn't. "Housing is the most pressing issue for students," said Sorro. "We students have needs

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right now that aren't being met."

Political Science teacher Sue Homer, a member of the Academic Senate, said faculty hasn't been involved in the decision making process either. "It's a one-way conversation, not a two-way conversation," said Homer. "The administration just tells us what they're planning to do. They can't make

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# Debate Team Rolling Again

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The City College Speech and Debate Team recently attended the California Community College Forensics Association State Championship and earned a third place sweepstakes award in the Limited Entry Category.

The tournament held March 14-18 featured 28 other community colleges from all over California, and in the Limited Entry Category, there were 10 other schools participating. Students Paul Garcia and Todd Kern earned bronze medals in Oral Interpretation of Prose out of 65 other students who entered in the prose event.

Maya DeVertevis earned a bronze medal in Oral Interpretation of Poetry. There were 35 other students entered in the poetry event.

"The really impressive part of Maya's success is that it was the first tournament she participated in with the City College team," said Director

of Forensics Cynthia Dewar.

Jed Wheeler earned a bronze medal in Impromptu speaking that had a total of 115 students entered in the event.

Assistant Forensics Coach, Sami Kudsi said, "I really admire Jed because of his novel approach. He uses his anarchy paradigm to analyze the topics he is given in both debate and Impromptu. Jed is an anarchist in the tradition of Noam Chomsky, and not Sid Viscous. He is one of the most well read students we have ever had. For Jed, it's not just a speech contest but a training ground for creating a better democracy."

Both Jed and his partner Maya together won three of their six Parliamentary Debate rounds. There were 85 debate duos entered in the event.

In addition to the team's success at the state tournament in Pasadena, four students from the Speech and Debate Team left for Jacksonville, Florida on April 9, to



City College's Speech and Debate team in Pasadena, California with the fruits of their labor. From left: Paul Garcia, Cythia Dewa, Todd Kern, May DeVertevis, Jed Wheeler and Sami Kudsi assistant forensics coach.

compete at the Phi Rho Pi National Tournament for Community Colleges all across the country.

Musician and forensics student Lynx said, "The National Tournament is going to be cool I am looking forward to getting together with more people who share similar interests as me, and also having a chance to debate with more open-minded individuals like myself."

The City College Speech and Debate Team are currently recruiting students for fall 2001 team. Students who are interested should enroll in Speech 37 (Intercollegiate Forensics). Team meetings are held on Tuesday and Thursday from 2-3 p.m. in Cloud Hall Room 219. For more information on the Speech and Debate Team, call Cythia Dewar or Sami Kudsi at (415) 239-3390.

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