

## Vote 'yes'

Passage of the April 4 budget levy for the College could have important implications for every school system in the State of Oregon.

For the first time, the concept of the three-year serial levy, only recently approved by the state legislature, is being offered to voters as an alternative to a tax-base system or a yearly request for operating funds.

In the past, the College administration has had to spend a large part of every year preparing for, and convincing voters to approve, the yearly operating levy. This has been a frustrating and time-consuming task which has left them with little time to deal with the educational needs of the students.

Many faculty members and students have expressed dissatisfaction with some of the policies and decisions of the present administration and some are contemplating withholding their votes or voting no on April 4 as a means of protest.

We feel that this attitude could have serious results if it causes defeat of the budget. The College needs the stability and security the guarantee of three years funding will bring. Three years will give everyone the time to deal with other problems and the freedom to make their dissatisfactions known without worrying how they will affect the budget election each year.

Passage of the serial levy, with the attached bond measure, will also insure the construction of a much needed science building. There is some indication that if the serial levy and bond measure fails this time, it won't be offered to the voters again this year. Instead, at the next election the College will ask for only enough funds to operate next year.

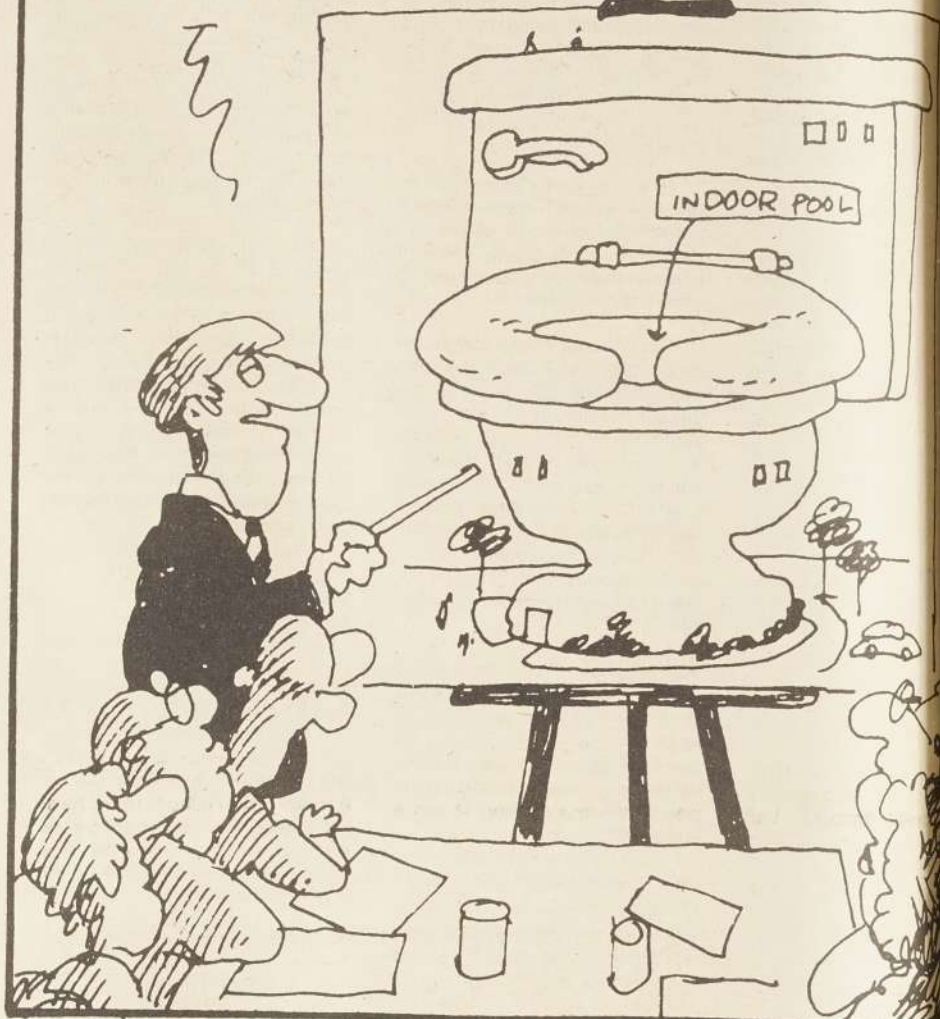
We feel that it is to the advantage of every student and faculty member at the College to vote yes next week. If there are problems with administrative policies and practices, or if faculty and classes are dissatisfactory, the budget election is the wrong place to try to solve them.

After all, if the budgets don't pass and the college doesn't open, there won't be any place to enjoy the solutions to the problems anyway.

## FRANKLY SPEAKING

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## Minors scheme to outwit OLCC

**Editor's note:** This article was printed in the form of an editorial in the March 1 issue of the Daily Barometer, the student newspaper at Oregon State University.

Ever since a new Oregon keg law came into effect last January, collegiate beer drinkers have been scheming. They have been devising ways to outwit the Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC).

Under the new keg law, persons who purchase kegs of beer must state in writing where the beer will be consumed. The OLCC has access to such information and may use it in the investigation of beer parties.

Why would an OLCC investigator want to check out a private beer party? Simple, to make sure that everyone present is of legal drinking age.

Regardless of the new keg law—or anything short of martial law—minors will keep attending keggars. In this college community it is commonplace for minors to live in the same places as adults. Minors and adults become friends, party together and drink beer together.

But the fact that minors will continue to attend keggars does not make it right. Until the law states otherwise it is illegal for anyone under the age of 21 to consume alcohol in Oregon.

The most reasonable course of action for persons under the age of 21 is to change the law. Part of the American way is to change laws that are improper or restrict personal freedom. Why not lower the legal drinking age?

Since living groups are the most liable under the present system, it would seem to make good sense for living groups to attempt to change present drinking laws. There is a petition going around proposing a lowered drinking age. The question is whether the petitions will have enough signatures to place the question on the November ballot.

Those who are worried about the new keg law should try to eliminate it or lower the drinking age so it no longer applies to college age citizens.

One living group council has already proved there is strength in numbers. Surely the living groups' councils on campus could find support for lowering the drinking age next November.

