

Levy language could spell loss

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disagreement between the college's and state's attorneys over a provisional clause in the budgeting may cost the College a loss of anticipated income.

John Hakanson, College president, said that a provisional clause regarding rate-based serial levying should pertain to the College's serial levy which went into effect last year. The College's proposed serial levy went into effect long before the College was aware or even notified of such a clause, Hakanson said.

Hakanson said, the College would receive, through property assessment, a figure close to the predicted \$1.60 per \$1,000 of taxes whether or not the county assessor increased or decreased property value. The clause stipulates that the College would receive "x" amount of dollars up until achieving their projected figure for this year, or whatever the levy would produce, whichever figure is the smaller.

"Our projection for funds this year was less than the actual amount accumulated which, if not for the clause, would be considered as cash on hand and put to use in possibly a building fund or of that

nature," Hakanson said. "The amount in excess of our predicted figure for the year 1978-79, if the clause is effective, will never be seen by the College. This money will show on the public's property assessment as a decrease in their payment to the state."

Hakanson said that the College was neither informed by the state attorney who introduced this provisional clause nor the county assessor. "If the College had been forewarned about the clause we could have taken precautions for the following two years. We don't want to make waves about the clause or the state may take it a step further and repeal the rate-based serial levy idea it-

self."

The revenues which exceeded the College's anticipated funding figure would most "directly be put to use in the proposed science facility at the College," Hakanson said. "We could take measures to regain these lost funds by notifying the taxpayer as to our present situation, saying that the College has been denied its full \$1.60 per \$1,000 and is only getting somewhere between \$1.52. But this would only complicate matters. The last thing taxpayers want to hear is the College asking for a couple of dollars they feel they've been denied which (the taxpayers) believe was settled in last May's vote on the serial

levy," Hakanson said.

"We're just going to let it ride this time and revise our projected budget figures for the following two years so that the College will receive its promised amount."

The College may take this case to tax court and let the representing attorneys from both sides hash it out. "The rate-based serial levy is a new concept to the state of Oregon and I feel it is a positive step in the right direction for attaining necessary revenue. To hassle it in court would only jeopardize the idea of rate-based levying, and the College might have to seek other ways for funding two years from now," Hakanson said.

Logger big believer in horsepower

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A man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps because he hears a different drummer. Let him step to the music he hears, however measured or far away."

These thoughts were born in the mind of Henry David Thoreau more than a century ago. Yet to some, they still hold the key to a meaningful life. One such individual is Terry Geber, former botany and horticulture student of the college who now makes his living logging with horses.

"There's nothing I'd rather do," said Geber. "I love my horses and I love my work."

Being ecology-minded, Geber believes that logging with horses is much less harmful to the environment than

more modern logging equipment can be. To prove his point, Geber hitched up his team of matched Percheron geldings and pulled three large trees out of the woods. What they left behind could have been mistaken for a deer trail.

Geber even has access to a crawler that is equipped for heavy logging, but he seldom uses it.

"If I have to winch logs out of a dangerous spot I'll use it," he said. "Otherwise you can't get me near the noisy thing."

Geber also pointed out that while most logging operations are seasonal, his horses work year round.

"Machines just can't work in mud," he said. "Horses can."

Geber has an obvious love for his two beautiful draft horses, Rube and Guss. He works alongside them every day. He has taken them in two

ploughing and log-pulling matches in which he won first and second place. The horses are more than a source of income for Geber. They are his family.

Geber lives in the Beaver-creek area with his dog and two horses. He lives alone and works alone, but he's never lonely.

"I guess I'm kind of a hermit," he said.

Although he is always open to change, Geber is happy with both his job and his lifestyle. He is satisfied with a low-key life and a lower-than-average income.

"I make enough to feed me and the boys," he said. "That's all I need."

Being free, being with nature, being with God. The dreamers are many, but the takers few. Terry Geber, like Thoreau, decided to let his dream become a reality.



Geber and his horses enjoy a typical workday hauling logs out of the woods.
Photo by Don Ives

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