



"COOL AN GREEN AN SHADY"--Even in the chilled stillness of winter, a warming sun and airy blue sky stirs the mood for communing with nature and contemplative chats among friends. Staff photo by Ramona Isackson

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College confronts tight budget levy

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The College Board of Education will present Proposition 3-5, a serial levy to finance operational costs of the College, and Proposition 3-6, a serial levy to support construction costs of the College, to district voters in a special election to be held Feb. 17.

The current three-year serial levy, covering both construction and operational costs of the College, will expire July 1. Combined with the defeat of

the proposed tax base in the Nov. 4 general election, the expiring levy will leave the College 50 percent underfunded.

If passed, the operational levy would authorize a levy of \$1.14 per \$1,000 true cash value for the next three years beginning July 1. At that rate, it would raise \$6,676,382 during its first year, \$7,684,175 during its second year, and \$8,836,801 its final year. During its three year lifespan, the operational levy would raise an estimated \$23,197,358.

If put in effect, the construction levy would authorize a tax rate of 35 cents per \$1,000 true cash value, beginning next July 1, and continuing for the next three years. The construction levy would raise an estimated \$2,051,458 its first year, \$2,359,177 its second year and \$2,713,053 in its last year, making its total \$7,123,688. Because the construction levy is a serial levy and not a permanent tax base, it would be totally raised by district taxpayers without aid from the state.

"If the College continues its current growth rate, we will grow by at least 50 percent by 1990," stated Dr. John Hakanson, College president. "We simply won't have the space that we'll need." According to estimates, the College currently has 60 percent of the space required in eight years.

The priority list for construction presently includes a new Auto Body Lab, a new Learning Resources Center, containing a library and Study Skills Center, the remodeling of McLoughlin Hall's second floor, and an Off-Campus Center near Clackamas Town Center. Excluding inflation, the cost of these projects has been estimated at \$8,661,300 to \$9,161,300. Finishing all of priority construction projects is dependent upon receiving at

least \$1,537,000 in construction funds from the state.

"We believe that people are supportive of the College," stated Hakanson. "They recognize that it is an important part of the community and will support it. These serial levies give them the opportunity to continue funding the College while remaining in control because of its three-year life."

Because of the elimination of construction funds in the state's current budget, the College has worked on the assumption that it will receive little or no aid for future building.

A comparison of the current levy's authorized tax rate of \$1.60 per \$1,000.

Elections, old flags fill ASG minutes

The 52 American flags now raised on the two poles in front of the Community Center will be lowered Thursday and sent to each of the released Embassy hostages. The flags will be lowered with the help of color guards from each branch of the service and a little guy named Kelly Grant. Recommended by the Army, Grant is a 6-year old bugalist who knows about 20 different songs.

Noon is the set time for the ceremony which has an invitation list including the College board, Dean of Students, Jim Roberts (who is slated to speak), the entire faculty, State Representative Ed Linquist, the mayors from Molalla, West Linn, Milwaukie, Gladstone, Lake Oswego, Canby, and a representative from Oregon City.

Also this week, ASG will be manning tables outside the cafeteria to encourage people who haven't already registered to vote to do so. The table will be manned most of Thursday and Friday to help get prospective voters to vote for the College levy (see story above). This is one of the many things that ASG is doing to help get the levy passed.

The Bell System is being used by students and faculty alike to spread the word about the need for the passage of the levy. Concerned residents are calling their fellow Oregonians reminding them to vote Feb. 17. The telephoning is being sponsored by Public Information and all students are encouraged to join the fight against the cutbacks.

Handicapped parking termed inadequate

An important issue was raised at the handicapped advisory counselors meeting held last week. The issue, brought up by CCC student Ann Tracy, is a concern involving all handicapped students--the need of re-evaluating handicapped parking spaces.

According to Chief of Security, Stan Johnson, "The need is not for more handicapped parking spaces, but of re-evaluation and redistribution of the ones we now have. For example, with the new science building nearing completion, the handicapped parking spots at the Orchard building will need to be moved to the front parking lot. That will require

cutting down the number of visitor and unmarked parking spots now available near the Community Center."

Handicapped specialist Debbie Bennett said, "There are approximately 60 handicapped parking stickers issued right now. The handicapped population at the College has increased considerably since last year. It's our concern that parking spots not only be available to these students, but also that they be conveniently located."

Stan Johnson also included that, "there are at least 4 or 5 temporary handicapped stickers given out a term for

students that have acquired broken legs or some other temporary "handicap."

"There are 25 parking spots available for handicapped students on campus. These spaces must by law be available 7 days a week, 24 hours a day all year round. To violate this law one may be subject to a \$5 fine which will double if not paid in 10 days. This fine is \$2 more than the fines issued for other campus parking violations. But with 50 unmarked spaces for every one handicapped space, it's not like we're being swamped with these spaces.

"On any given school day those designated parking spaces get used."

