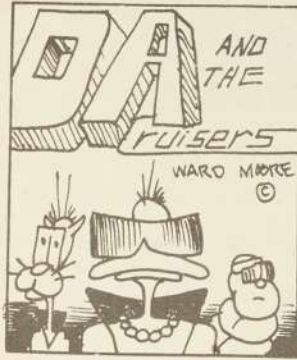


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## Levy vote needs support

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When county residents shot down the proposed three-year serial levy in early November, they created a hole that is yet to be filled.

The fact is if a levy doesn't pass before June, summer school at the College is jeopardized. The longer a levy is not passed, the longer the College will not function.

To make matters worse, there is a shortfall in revenue this year. The budget cuts made in December, even though not drastic, did affect many programs. The only answer to this problem is to pass a levy.

Of course people do not like to see a rise in property taxes, but the proposed hike was not that severe. The current levy on which the College is functioning is similar to the proposed levy that was defeated.

With the first levy proposal failing, the Board of Education has come up with another levy election date. March 27 will be the day College officials are hoping to gain residents' approval.

A problem with the first levy election was

voter apathy. With more than 133,000 registered voters in the county, only 7,500 felt the desire to vote. The total headcount half way into fall term was more than 8,000. There was a total of approximately 3,000 yes votes.

So why didn't students of the College support the levy? The answer remains unanswered. It is also not understandable. After all it is their school and I would hope they enjoy their low tuition rates.

In pursuit of passing the March levy the Associated Student Government is forming a committee to help promote the levy. To pass the levy would mean a load off many people's minds. If it fails, the possibility of summer school closure will draw closer.

The reason for the increase, a mere four percent, is because the College has certain maintenance that has to be done and updating of programs.

The College enjoys a good reputation throughout the community and with its students. It is a viable alternative to the outrageous costs of a four-year institution and fits the needs of many residents. This is one thing that the voters are overlooking.



## Jesse Jackson becomes 'Anderson of 1984'

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Like it or not, we're all hostages of an election year. The flag is up, the runners are off and pretty much no one cares.

However, one candidate is stirring up some interest. Jesse Jackson has gone from being a one-issue candidate to a real, possibly viable, choice for the presidency.

Jackson's coup came in his actions to free U.S. Navy Lieutenant Robert O. Goodman, who had been shot down and captured by the Syrian ar-

my. In a dramatic and impressive gambit, Jackson traveled to war-torn Syria (against the wishes of the Reagan Administration), held conferences twice with Syrian President Hafez Assad (who earlier had refused to meet a White House envoy), and negotiated a no-terms release for Goodman.

The repercussions of the move were obvious and instantaneous. Last Wednesday, The Oregonian ran a story with the headline "Jackson wins a bonus: credibility as candidate." In fact, the national press has picked up on his

campaign as well and Jackson is riding this groundswell of journalistic interest.

Will he ride it all the way to the White House? No, probably not. Does the release of Goodman mean Jackson is an experienced politico? No, of course not. Then what, one may well ask, does all the hoopla represent?

Jackson is currently a media event, but he is not seriously a threat to Reagan's throne. He has become the John Anderson of 1984.

In 1980, the race between Carter and Reagan was, for a while anyway, neck and neck. Then, out of the blue, the press picked up on John Anderson, the independent candidate for the office.

By the time the first primaries rolled around, Anderson appeared in the newspapers virtually every day and the three network evening news shows rarely let a broadcast go by without mentioning his valiant, dark-horse efforts.

Throughout much of that race, Anderson maintained approximately nine to eleven percent of the vote. But as Gov. Jerry Brown (D-Cal) pointed out to me, Libertarian candidate Ed Clark maintained about five to seven percent of the electorate, usually hovering about two percentage points behind Anderson.

The reason Clark was seldom mentioned by the press, and Anderson was touted daily is simple. Anderson was a creature of the press. He is handsome, interesting and photographed well, and the idea of a serious, third-party (in this case, independent) candidate tickled the media's fancy. He was, in fact, never a real challenger, and in the end fulfilled the prophesy of the Democrats by stealing liberal votes from Carter and assuring Reagan's ascension.

Jackson is not going to be president of the United States in 1985. However, he will probably continue to get fairly good coverage. It doesn't mean he could win, it just means he is interested.

The reasons Jackson could not possibly win are numerous. First, although I would dearly love to say America is ready for a black President, it just isn't so. He might do well in some states, but no one really can think he could carry the Solid South, or Idaho and Montana. For that matter, what chance would a black (or a jew or latin-American) have of carrying Oregon? It's sad but true: Race is still an issue for far too many of us.

His second strike comes from his job. Jackson is a

Baptist minister. Many people, myself included, would balk at blurring the church/state line that drastically.

Jackson's third strike is his lack of experience. He has never been a mayor, governor, congressman, senator, or vice president. In fact, he has never before been an "insider" in government, always preferring to follow the lead of Dr. Martin Luther King and initiating change from the outside.

The illusion that Goodman's release means Jackson is a seasoned, international negotiator is ridiculous. The Syrian government, and Assad in particular, were in a no-win scenario as long as they held Goodman. There was no chance that they could blackmail the US marines into leaving Beirut and they continued to look like aggressors to the world community. Moreover, a chance to spit in Ronald Reagan's eye was not to be passed by. Releasing Goodman, but releasing him to a Reagan rival, killed two birds with one stone for Assad.

So watch for Jackson's name to spring up in The Oregonian and "World News Tonight" on a daily basis from now on. But don't look for him in the White House in November.

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