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Flags flew at half-mast this last week at the College in remembrance of the seven astronauts killed in the space shuttle explosion Jan. 28.

Photo by Dan Wheeler

Survey gets good response

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Election time is in the air which brings the time consuming task of informing the public about this year's budget levy.

The 1986-87 budget which imposes two key elements: 1) a tax rate freeze at \$1.25 per \$1,000 of assessed property value, and 2) a 5 percent increase in student tuition, will be the election budget committee's first priority this next month.

Informing the public on the levy's issues is the key, according to Lee Fawacett, assistant dean of student services. He recently conducted a voter's survey January 13 thru January 22.

Staff volunteer's randomly looked up 1,200 registered voters, of which 853 telephone numbers were located and completed a survey of 400 voters.

Surveyors asked voters a total of five questions including 1) Have you or any member of your family taken a class at CCC? 2) How would you rate CCC? 3) Would you vote for or against the levy?

Sixty percent responded yes to the first question and 78 percent, which is 312 of the 400 surveyed, responded yes to the last.

A common comment by the surveyed respondents was "I will vote for the levy as long as it is not an increase."

According to the voters Survey Analysis, with the result from the last survey question, even if all 400 surveyed all voted no, all were undecided, all had no response, and 1/3 of the yes

respondents voted no, the levy would still pass by 52 percent to 48 percent.

The analysis also stated that every area in this district had at least a 50 percent yes vote, and Aurora and Clackamas were the only two areas below 70 percent.

Another finding by the analysis, found that every age group had at least a 65 percent yes vote. Only the voters in the 70-79 age group were below 74 percent, and voters under 30 were the most positive.

This being the colleges first mail-in election ever, Ken Koopman, community relations specialist, said, "The survey results are encouraging, however the mail-in election facts are challenging."

According to state election ballots, since 1981, there have been 80 ballots that have been mail-in around the state, 19 of those have passed and 61 have failed.

Portland Community College and Linn-Benton CC are the only two other community colleges beside Clackamas have had a mail-in election.

Although with the mail-in election the turn-out is three to four times higher, the percentages of pass-fail are basically the same.

Since the colleges opening in 1966, there have been 44 elections. Of those 44 elections, 17 have passed and 27 have failed, four of which were passed the first time.

Tuesday, March 25, CCC will seek approval of a two-year, rate-based serial levy, which will be a mail-in ballot. This will be the day when the election budget committee's efforts will show the results.

Assistance could be withheld

American males over the age of 26 will permanently forfeit all rights to federal financial assistance if they do not register with the Selective Service System.

The amendment to the Defense Authorization Bill insists that men who do not register will lose the right to claim any type of federal monetary assistance. This includes student financial aid and all civil service jobs. Part-time summer employment by a federal agency will also be denied those not registered.

The amendment, which took effect on Jan. 1, stipulates that all sources of student financial aid will be cut off permanently, including Pell grants, federal student

loans, and work-study programs.

Once an individual reached his 26th birthday, Selective Service will no longer accept his registration. Men born in 1960 who have registered will no longer be eligible for a draft once they turn 26, but if they never registered they will lose all potential federal benefits.

The amendment was offered in the Senate by Sen. Strom Thurmond (R-SC) and co-sponsored by more than a dozen other senators. Neither of Oregon's senatorial representatives were among that list.

Selective Service Director Thomas K. Turnage said that he was pleased and reassured

by the congressional support of the amendment.

"Not only does this law encourage compliance with the law among young men," Turnage said, "it also increases public awareness of the requirement. As always, our primary intent is to register men, not prosecute them."

The Selective Service System will begin tracking down offenders through financial aid requests supplied to the Service by the Department of Education, according to KGW-TV news.

A news release from Selective Service notes that failure to register is a felony and is punishable by a fine of up to \$250,000 and/or up to five years imprisonment.

** Responses to Levy Vote Question **

	Number	Percent	Valid Percent	Cum Percent
YES	312	78.0	79.2	79.2
NO	36	9.0	9.1	88.3
UNDECIDED	46	11.5	11.7	100.0
NO ANSWER	6	1.5	Missing	
TOTAL	400	100.0	100.0	

