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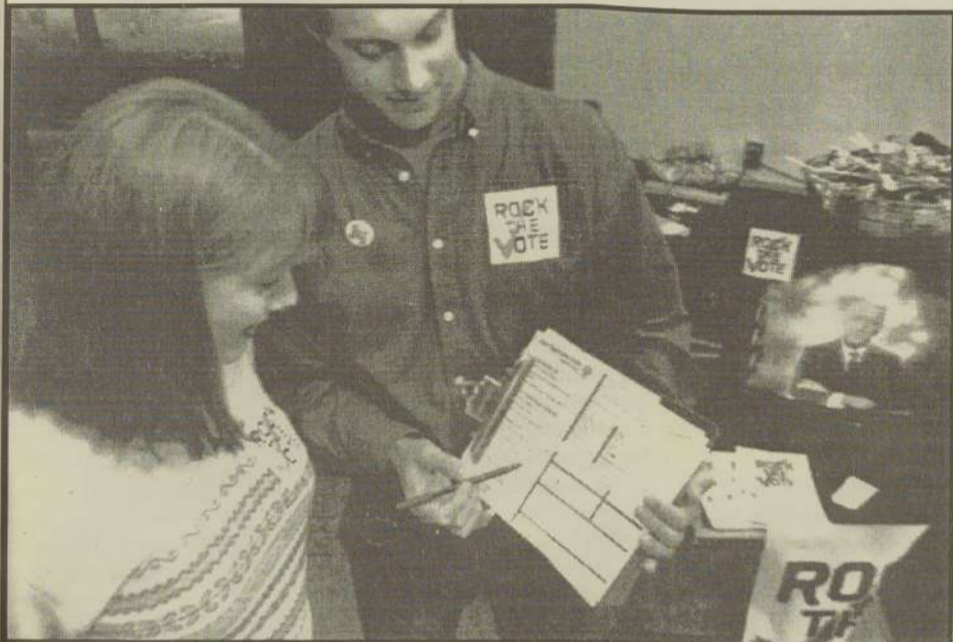


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Associated Student Government Presidential Aid Josh Buegman (upper left) and ASG Federal Officer Jakob Boenisch helped host "Rock the Vote." ASG was able to register approximately 100 people.

Rock the Vote '96: ASG registers & informs voters

Yesterday was the last day for "Rock the Vote" — an MTV-sponsored organization designed to get 18 to 34 year olds registered to vote and to inform voters on the issues.

"In one day we got double what we got last year," said ASG Federal Officer Jakob Boenisch on the amount of people ASG was able to register to vote on Oct. 14. Boenisch added that he has seen "a lot more student involvement" this year when it came to politics

and political issues.

"Registering to vote is only part of it however. Now we need to make sure that they get out the vote. ... They need to get the Voters' Pamphlet and make sure that they actually vote," said Boenisch.

"Your personal participation will increase the probability that the right choices are made and will strengthen the safeguards provided by an informed and active electorate," states Oregon Secretary of State Phil Keisling in the introduc-

tion for volume one of two of the Voters' Pamphlet.

Volume two of the Voters' Pamphlet will be mailed this week.

The General election is on Nov. 5. If you cannot go to the polls on election day, you can get an absentee ballot by contacting the local elections office; the Oregon Secretary of State, Oregon Elections Division, at 503-986-1518; or Rock The Vote at 1-800-CALL-RTV.

Measure 47: cuts and caps

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At the General Election on Nov. 5, Oregonians will wield the power of their vote to amend the state's constitution.

This year's ballot holds an unusually high amount of initiatives. There are some 23 state-wide measures requiring voter consideration. Among them is Measure 47. Or, as it's commonly referred to, the "cuts and caps" initiative.

Measure 47 will limit (cuts) 1997-98 property taxes. Property owners will be taxed based on one of two different levels. One limits the amount of tax to what owners paid in 1994-95. The other limits the property tax to ten percent less than their 1995-96 property tax bill.

The other half of this measure changes (caps) future annual property tax to three percent per year. Current law allows a six percent increase of real market value annually.

There are some exceptions. The tax limit does not apply if the taxes are being used to repay bonded debt. In some specific situations, it allows an increase to the average tax on similar properties in surrounding areas.

"If passed, Measure 47 would have a negative impact on college programs and services for stu-

dents. Our board would lose its decision-making ability because the state would gain considerable control over future college direction," said College President John Keyser.

Although this measure provides a desired tax cut for those individuals owning property, it has tremendous financial impact on schools and local services. These implications are serious enough that the college Board of Directors voted to oppose Measure 47's property tax reduction act.

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College President"

This cuts-and-caps initiative does not include the limits brought about by Measure 5. It is, therefore, difficult to estimate the full fiscal impact 47 would have on Clackamas. Keyser advised the board that the proposed initiative would result in lost revenue of nearly \$2 million in 1997-98. That figure could jump to \$2.5 million for 1998-99. These figures are representative of a 24 to 28 percent reduction in property taxes currently generated.

"The dual impact of loss of dollars and control is a very large double whammy," said Keyser.

The direct loss in revenues to local school districts and governments are estimated to be at \$467 million in fiscal year 1998. Those

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Changes in Criminal Justice: Wiseman, Ashbaugh share duties

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Change, although not always welcome, is an unequivocal part of life -- even for those in the Criminal Justice Department at Clackamas.

Reorganization of the department was necessary due to the serious illness of Jim Brouillette, former director of Public Service. Brouillette, who had planned to retire on Nov. 8, is battling life-threatening cancer.

"He is going to enter retirement the way he didn't want to, and that's in a hospital room," said Jim Wiseman, former chief of Public Safety.

Some of Brouillette's departmental duties included law enforcement training, the instructional part of the crimi-

nal justice programs for two-year degrees and the 911 certificate programs. The college administration plans to leave Brouillette's chair open for now.

Wiseman feels his replacement, Larry Dexheimer, is a good choice.

"Larry is a pretty user-friendly kind of guy himself, and I know he'll continue that user-friendly service orientation that we've had here at Clackamas," said Wiseman.

Wiseman's new duties will include administrative management of the training programs for local police departments. He will continue to "spearhead the implementation of the Board's wishes of the Regional Law Enforcement Training Center."

Wiseman is not retiring, as was reported in last week's edition of the Clackamas Print; instead, his job has been re-organized.

Richard Ashbaugh, former public service instructor, has been named as the acting department chair until July of next year. He will manage the formal academic side of the program.

According to Wiseman, he assumed half of what Brouillette was doing and Ashbaugh assumed the other half.

"We all teach, as well as manage, direct and coordinate all the law enforcement training," said Wiseman.

Friends of Jim Brouillette may send their cards and letters to P.O. Box 328, Oregon City, OR 97045.