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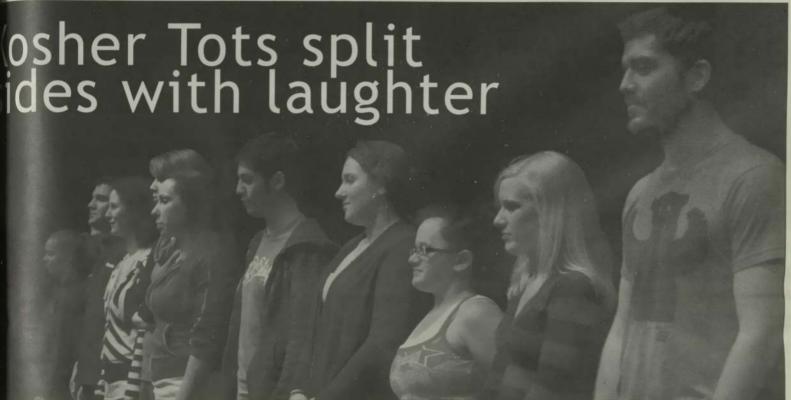
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## easures 66 and 67 necessary for community college funding

sure 66 will mark a pivotal point in its future. It is important that this is passes because it will raise \$472 to fielp maintain state funding levels vices such as education, corrections althorate. We at Clackamas are directly ed by the success of this bill. Combined easure 67, Oregon's community col-and to either keep or lose \$24 million already been promised to them by the

CC would be forced to make another of budget cuts. The college has already lost a department, 20 full-aff and faculty members as well as uncounted part-time employees the last school year. Another round of cuts would be devastating. The would ultimately mean fewer classes, meaning not only would also be something to dread even more, but it may mean that sturbuld have to go to school longer because they have to wait for the

they need.

extra revenue would be acquired by raising the state income tax y 1.8 percent for those who make more than \$125,000 if filing alone 0.000 if filing jointly. It will raise income tax levels by 2 percent for making over \$250,000 and joint filers making over \$500,000. The feature of the bill is that it only raises taxes for money earned base levels; this means, if an individual makes \$150,000 only the mal \$25,000 will be hit by the additional tax hikes.

It is a good way to raise taxes without completely obliterating makes already suffering working class. Although it does raise taxes on man, it raises taxes for those who can afford it in order to help those man.

measure will help many students here at Clackamas that aren't six digit incomes. This ballot measure will help to raise money them in college without making them pay even more for what is an expensive learning experience.

On January 26, Oregonians will be voting on two ballot measures that will dramatically impact state funded agencies and programs, including Clackamas Community College. Ballot measures 66 and 67 stand to shape the future, or lack

thereof, for many Oregonians. The editorial staff at The Print feel these measures are important and have drafted our endorsements for the upcoming referendum.

Measure 67 YES!

Passing this measure is imperative to filling the budget gaps in state programs caused by the economic recession. Measure 67 increases the mini-

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If measure 67 doesn't pass, Clackamas will have
many tough decisions to make. Since, most of the
expenses of the college are in the form of salaries
and wages, the only way to make cuts is to cut staff and faculty at Clackamas.
The last time this happened a whole program -drafting- at CCC was lost. Many
students who were a part of that program were left high-and-dry. If more budget cuts come, more classes and possibly whole departments could be lost.
Registration was already a mess this year, with classes filling quickly and
many students finding themselves unable to take the classes they need.

The tax is progressive, meaning that corporations that make a higher profit
will pay a slightly larger portion of their profit in income taxes. This means
that lower income corporations like small businesses will be less affected by
the tax.

The corporate minimum tox begin to recession. Measure 67 increases the minimum corporate tax in Oregon and also raises profit
taxes on corporation making over \$500,000 a year.

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The corporate minimum tax hasn't changed since 1931. It seems about time to adapt it to modern times. Right now Oregon can't afford to cut into education anymore, and this measure seems like an obvious method of preventing those cuts. Too many students are suffering as it is.

Fortunately, the tax should have a relatively minimal effect on employment.

It seems a simple way for corporations in Oregon to assist the very people they are employing and it does so without going to extreme measures.

Measure 67 will help keep students and employees at community colleges across the state. With many people struggling to pay for classes, this measure should make a difference. Tuition has already increased significantly since last fall, and passing this measure will do much to keep it from increasing so much again. much again.