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A Plug for the Citizens' Committee

Mt. Hood Community College has a lot of assets, not the least of which are the various citizens' committees which meet regularly throughout the school year.

The committees submitted their reports last week and if past history is repeated, about 95 per cent of their recommendations will be adopted.

Last year, for instance, one of the committees recommended changes in the registration process. These already have been implemented. So have an intercollegiate football program (for 1970) and a short course for small businessmen, both of which were committee suggestions.

The citizens' committees, five in number, involve about 125 persons from all walks of life, from all parts of the district. Collectively, they put in about 1750 hours of service to the college this school year. Since the college was started, citizens' committees have devoted some 6,000 hours which, at about \$5 per hour, ain't hay.

This year's committees included academic affairs, student affairs, business affairs, community services and sports. The college, obviously, knows what a good job the committees are doing. This, then, is merely a bit of public recognition.



SALEM SCENE

by ERRETT CUTLER

As the 1969 legislative session enters its final days, one of its most productive results appears to be in the area of state government reorganization. Gov. Tom McCall, in his January opening message to the legislature, emphasized the need to modernize government structure and functions in all three branches in order to meet demands of the future. He drew upon recommendations of several interim study committees and his Project 70's Task Force report to support his argument.

His proposals - particularly in view of an eight-year legislative stalemate on Constitutional revision - have achieved a remarkable degree of success.

Both houses now have voted to abolish Oregon's 56-year-old Board of Control, an action sought by Gov. McCall and his two predecessors. The board, consisting of the governor, secretary of state and state treasurer, had been created largely to supervise administration of state institutions. It often has been touchy business and, according to the Project 70's report, can lend itself too readily to political grandstanding.

The board's existence now will end on June 30, junctions will be given to the Department of General Services and, if the Senate concurs with the House, to a new Department of Human Resources. The latter would combine under one department mental hospitals, public welfare, penal and corrections institutions, vocational rehabilitation and unemployment compensation.

Already signed into law by the governor is a measure passed this year to create an Executive Department, becoming operational July 1. It brings together under one executive-administrative umbrella several planning and personnel development programs, including some civil service personnel functions.

Last week the Senate joined the House in approving a new Department of Transportation, as recommended by the Interim Committee on Business Climate. It brings together highways, ports, airports and the department of Motor Vehicles, and establishes a new division of mass transit for the state.

The Senate and House also both have approved legislation to change the name of the State Sanitary Authority to the Environmental Quality Commission and to place it directly under the governor. And a related opening address proposal to help control Oregon environment has cleared both houses; the governor is given authority to zone all land not zoned by the counties by Dec. 31, 1971.

Creation of a Department of Natural Resources has gained House approval. It would coordinate activities of several far-flung agencies but, like most other consolidation moves, would not affect policy-making authority of the various bodies. Also in senate study following House approval is a bill to create a State Department of Revenue. It would assume tax and fee collection functions of the State Tax Commission, state treasurer and public utilities commissioner, and would supervise aircraft and motor vehicle fuel taxes.

Such sweeping reorganization steps, unprecedented in Oregon history, are seen as a move toward a cabinet for government, cutting down on duplicate or overlapping services and centralizing authority in the state's chief executive.

Legislative approval of such reorganization now eliminates some objections noted in past attempts to put a revised Constitution before Oregon voters as well. In recent sessions, House members have wanted sweeping changes through Constitutional revision, while senators have held out for mere rewriting and updating changes.

Last week the Senate passed a new version of a revised Constitution, again mostly just editing. It does not call for reorganization of state agencies into 20 departments, for that no longer is considered necessary. Elimination of the need for that portion, previously wanted by the House, can help smooth the way for agreement between the two chambers and possibly put the matter before the people in the 1970 primary election.

It does, however, propose changes in the legislative branch: one would allow the legislature to call itself into special session, an action now reserved for the governor, and another would add one member to each house in order to avoid tie votes. The first of these already has been passed in another bill by both houses, and will be on the November, 1970 ballot if Constitutional revision is not referred.

In his welcoming address last January, Gov. McCall opened by endorsing an attitude stressed in the Project 70's report: the executive and legislative branches must identify much more closely in dealing with the broad and complex problems of the 1970's.

Inasmuch as government reorganization and streamlining for the future successes denied previous administrations.

CITIZENS COLLEGE FORUM

News and Views About Mt. Hood Community College

KLAPSTEIN SPEAKS

Dr. Earl L. Klapstein, MHCC president, spoke recently at the Portland Home Builders Association meeting about "The Community College is also a Home Builder."

In June he will address the Society of Real Estate Appraisers regarding "The Community College: A Fair Market Price for Education."

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS MEET

The Oregon Occupational Therapy Association and Mt. Hood Community College jointly invited local therapists to meet on campus to discuss the role of certified Occupational Therapy Assistants and consultants in convalescent and long-term care facilities. About 40 persons participated in the meeting last Friday. A second group will meet this Friday on the campus. Walt Ludtke, occupational therapy instructor, coordinated the two meetings.

REINMUTH ELECTED

Chuck Reinmuth, MHCC general education director, was elected First Vice President and program chairman for the Oregon Association of Continuing Community Education at their April meeting.

BOOTH SPEAKS

Herb Booth, MHCC health and physical education instructor, and basketball coach, will speak Thursday evening at the Sandy High School All Sports Banquet 7 p.m. at the Gresham Elks. He will discuss "Oregon Community College Athletics, Present and Future."

ART EXHIBIT

MHCC students are exhibiting art work in the college's student center during the Creative Arts Festival now under way at Mt. Hood. A reception for the students participating in the exhibit was held Monday evening at 8:30 p.m., according to Nancy Conrath, art instructor.

FROGS

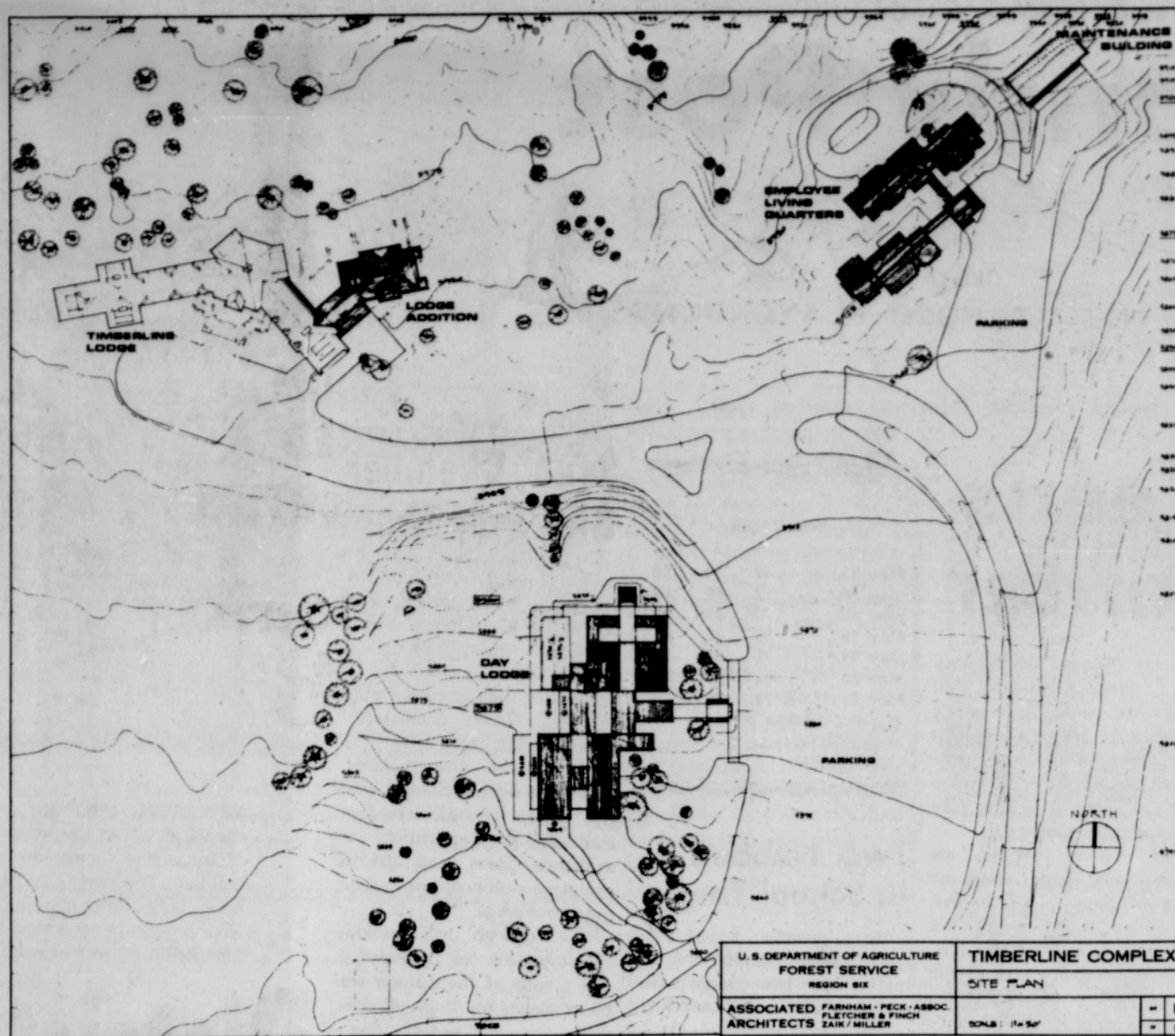
The annual Frog Jumping Contest at Mt. Hood Community College was held Friday with more than 40 entries competing for the longest jump. The on-campus Kiwanis group gathered funds to send the winning frog to Calaveras County to compete with over 2,000 other frogs in the international jumping contest.

Insurance Firm Promotes Myers

Promotion of Dave Myers, Sandy, as manager of its east Portland branch has been announced by Westland Life Insurance Co.

Myers is the company's

representative for the Sandy-Mountain area. He is an active member of the Sandy 7th-day Adventist Church and serves on the board of directors of the Sandy Area Chamber of Commerce.



TIMBERLINE LODGE RECREATIONAL COMPLEX site plan shows location of new wing for lodge and various new features for proposed \$3 million development. Day Lodge, living quarters and

maintenance building are so situated that they cannot be viewed from main lodge nor one another. (Plan courtesy U. S. Forest Service)

It's Your Law

Clean Hands

Our courts work with two sets of principles in meting out justice—those of "law" and those of "equity."

Under "law" a court declares the parties' rights and duties and sets money damages, for harm already done—as when someone breaches his contract with you or injures you in an automobile crash.

But under principles of "honesty, equity, and conscience," for example, a court seeing harm on the way, may forestall it. It may enforce its orders by fines or jail terms.

England used to have separate courts to hear cases under law and equity. But today both England and America use the same judge to hear both kinds of cases.

How did these two systems arise?

Long ago the English King called upon the "chancery"—then largely made up of churchmen (the keepers of the King's conscience)—to give "relief" where the older Common Law Courts, grown rigid, might fail.

Unable to use the Common Law, the chancellors applied certain rules and maxims, sometimes borrowed from ancient Greece and Rome e.g. "he who comes into equity must come with clean hands." Sometimes this is stated: "No one can take advantage of his own wrongdoing."

This maxim denies a suitor "relief" if he himself has done wrong in the transaction at issue. A scale maker, for example, had advertised that his scales would count fractions of a cent against the customer and in favor of the storekeeper.

He came to a court of equity to stop a competitor from revealing that his scale was cheating customers. The court threw his case out. Not having "clean hands," the scale maker had no standing in equity. He could not seek fair treatment when he himself was dishonest in the particular situation at issue.

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Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

June 3 the people of Oregon will be asked to vote yes or no on a measure which would put into effect a sales tax in Oregon. It would also do a number of other things, but those are only the tails to the sales tax dog. The sales tax package should be soundly defeated by the people of Oregon. Here is why.

It is a shift not a gift, and a regressive and unfair one at that. The sales tax package proceeds are earmarked for use in reducing property taxes. The drawback is that when we add the sales tax burden onto our present tax obligation and subtract the property tax reduction most of us will end up paying more taxes. There fore, with 90 per cent of Oregonians, the sales tax will bring a tax increase not a tax reduction.

The sales tax will be expensive to administer. Although it will raise \$97.7 million the first year, \$1.5 million will be spent by the state to administer it. In addition, although the merchants will be permitted to retain \$1.2 million annually from the proceeds of his sales tax collections, it will actually cost them \$7.5 million a year to administer.

The sales tax will be bad for business. It will drive millions of dollars of business from Washington, Idaho and California residents out of Oregon and back home. It will increase the cost of new construction and of purchases for every business enterprise, thus making Oregon less attractive for new business. It will make installment sales more expensive because we will have to pay interest on the sales tax and will increase the size of down payments.

The sales tax will be a foot in the door. Although the legislature may not increase the sales tax above the three percent contained in the package, nothing would prevent school districts, cities and counties from adopting their own sales tax in addition to the three percent state sales tax. Also, the legislature, without a vote of the people, could impose a three percent sales tax on food, drugs, services and other items exempt from the proposed sales tax.

The proposed sales tax measure is an unfair and regressive tax. We do not need it to raise additional revenue. It should be defeated.

Sincerely
Senator Vern Cook
Room 405
State Capitol
Salem, Oregon

To the Editor:

Wouldn't it have been appropriate if Mayor Frank C. Clore of Milwaukie could have this 4th reason to be congratulating the people of Sandy, to read as follows:

4. Connie Berger, Miss Lake Oswego, daughter of the Chairman of the City Planning Committee and one of our own.

Next time an opportunity arises to honor Miss Berger let us try to remember to do so.

Sincerely,
Joyce Marcy

Sense shines with a double luster when it is set in humility. An able and yet humble man is a jewel worth a kingdom.—William Penn.

Births

A son, David Scott to Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Grant, Rt. 1, Box 539, Boring, April 27.

A daughter, Deanna Helene to Mr. and Mrs. Donald R. Johnson, P.O. Box 143, Maupin, May 12.

OPENING SOON IN SANDY

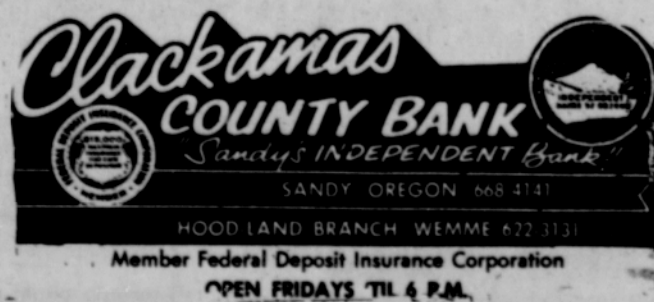
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