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The Mt. Hood Election

No one likes to lose an election but Tuesday's defeat isn't the end of the world for Mt. Hood Community College.

The College had sought approval of a five-year serial levy which would have raised \$2.3 million per year for operations and equipment. With about 10 per cent of the eligible electorate voting, the count was 5022-3347 against.

The College certainly will come back with another try. Defeat Tuesday doesn't stop inflation nor will it slow the recent surge in enrollment.

We do think college directors would be wise to cut the size of the levy, if

and when another try is made. They also would be wise to cut back on the number of years in the levy, if the serial route is tried again. They also would be wise to institute some immediate belt-tightening.

We don't think Tuesday's vote was in any way a rejection of the College. We think it was a protest against ever-rising taxes at every level and, to a lesser degree, against what many people perceived as an overemphasis on athletics.

And don't forget, it's only on local levies where the taxpayer still can say "Yes" or "No."

Not a Palatable Program

We don't see much success for the school spending program outlined by Wash. Gov. Dan Evans.

In order to raise \$169 million for schools, Gov. Evans has proposed increases in taxes, increases in college and university tuitions, and some budget cuts.

Gov. Evans would increase the sales tax by 11 per cent, the business and occupation tax by 18 per cent, and the motor vehicle excise tax by 36 per cent. He also would increase community college tuition by 30 per cent, universities by 24 per cent, and four-year colleges by 10 per cent.

It's a program which takes a whack at just about everyone and a program which drew immediate opposition.

Evans was labeled a "big spender" by Democratic leaders.

The problem, of course, is the growing reluctance of Washington voters to approve special school levies. Voters who have rejected school issues are not likely to meekly accept more state taxes for the same purpose. Evans and other can't seem to recognize that the people are calling for sharply reduced school spending and that trying an end run via the legislature just won't work.

The Washington state legislature, now in special session, will try to come up with something on its own. We hope Oregon lawmakers take some notes because they'll be facing a similar problem a year or two hence.

The President and Ronald Reagan

Is Ronald Reagan really a threat to the renomination of Pres. Ford?

We never have thought so, but we may be wrong.

There are increasing indications that Reagan is gaining ground rapidly on the president, that he may very well win some crucial primaries. There was even a poll out of Washington state that showed Reagan leading all presidential hopefuls there, even favorite son Scoop Jackson.

Why is Reagan gaining ground? In the first place, he is successfully shedding the arch-conservative mantle which liberal members of the news media sought to implant. He's no longer viewed as a sort of latter-day Barry Goldwater.

Secondly, Pres. Ford seems unable to project himself as a strong leader. Most people invariably refer to him as "A good guy, thoroughly honest." But that's about as far as they go. He isn't inspiring for his qualities of

leadership.

To use a badly-overworked term, Reagan projects more charisma than does the president. He seems a somewhat exciting alternative.

But we still don't think he would make a strong candidate in November. In the first place, the media people who tore ex-Pres. Nixon to shreds are still around. They would do the same to Reagan.

Secondly, there is no way Reagan would get the vote of labor or the blacks or other similarly potent blocs of voters. Nor does he have the unquestioned advantage of incumbency.

He may knock off Pres. Ford in a few primaries but in the long run, we still expect Ford to be the GOP nominee in November.

The Democratic nominee? A lot of miles remain to be run before that's decided. Our current guess: Teddy Kennedy or Hubert Humphrey.

As Others Look at Mass Transit

Opponents of the Mt. Hood Freeway talk vaguely about "mass transit" when asked what alternative they suggest for freeway construction.

What do others think about mass transit as a substitute for the automobile?

In commenting on the "nonsensical notion" of withdrawing a portion of I-90 from the interstate highway system, the Seattle Times had this to say:

"That idea, hatched by I-90 opponents as still another delaying tactic, is predicated on the wholly unrealistic assumption that mass-transit improvements (as yet only vaguely defined) could meet—all by themselves—future transportation needs in the corridor."

It goes on to say that the "illusory transit only" proposition should be dispatched once and for all.

"There is reason enough to doubt

the idea on cost factors alone. The 'transit only' argument falls apart completely in terms of I-90's importance to non-commuter travelers and data showing that even in the commuter category, vast numbers of cross-lake travelers—39 per cent by one count—require cars not only to get to and from work, but to conduct their business."

Change a few numbers here and there and these comments apply perfectly to the Portland Metropolitan area. It is, indeed, "illusory" to suggest that mass transit will satisfy traffic needs of Portland and adjacent areas of Multnomah and Clackamas counties.

County Commissioner Dan Mosee hit it perfectly when he said "If the Mt. Hood Freeway isn't completed now, it'll be done 10 or 15 years from now." Illusory mass transit schemes never will answer the need.



Clackamas County files \$182 million lawsuit

Clackamas County has filed a complaint in federal court asking the federal government to pay \$182 million in timber revenues that have allegedly been improperly withheld from 18 Oregon counties since 1953.

Clackamas County Commissioners Stan Skoko, Thomas Telford and Robert Schumacher are plaintiffs on behalf of the county.

Defendants named in the suit are Thomas Kleppe, secretary of the interior, and William Simon, secretary of the treasury.

Donald C. Walker, Portland attorney, filed the suit. It alleges that under a 1937 act 18 Oregon counties are entitled to 75 per cent of the timber revenues from Oregon and California (O&C) Railroad lands.

The 250 million acres of timberland was revested from O&C by the federal government after the railroad violated terms of a 19th century land grant.

In 1953 a "plowback" formula was adopted by the

government, the suit charges, which reduced the county's share of timber revenues to 50 per cent. This "plowback" money was used for such projects as fire control, reforestation and road building, the suit alleges.

In 1973 a similar complaint was filed by a group of Clackamas County residents, but was dismissed by a U.S. District Court judge who decided the citizens did not have proper standing to bring the suit.

Subcommittee to aid citizens' groups

The Clackamas County Planning Commission Citizens Involvement subcommittee will meet in the Oregon City courthouse at 7:30 tomorrow night.

The subcommittee is intended to help county citizens' groups, says its chairman Fred Wickersham.

"Staff members of the planning commission are willing to meet with various citizens groups to help them fulfill their responsibilities."

Wickersham said the subcommittee would also help to maintain contact between the neighborhood groups and the planning commission.

County residents interested in the involvement subcommittee can contact Wickersham at 668-4596 or 668-5123, or Jerry Rothenfluch of the planning commission at 659-2829.

Tomorrow's meeting is open to all neighborhood groups and any interested persons.

Mental health director resigns

Dr. Robert William Davis will resign Feb. 1 after four and one-half years as administrator and director of the Clackamas County Mental Health program.

A clinical psychologist, he plans to enter private practice in the county.

Dr. Davis submitted his resignation to the board of directors giving as his reason

that "administrative detail has all but crowded out my professional activities" in the expanding mental health program.

Until the board appoints a successor, Dr. Davis' deputy, Dr. Yvonne Kimmitt, will serve as acting administrator. Dr. Kimmitt has been with the clinic since 1968; she became deputy administrator last July. She obtained her Ph.D. in

psychology from the University of Portland and worked for the Multnomah County Mental Health program for eight years.

Since Dr. Davis became director of the program in July 1971 the program has expanded from 10 to 60 full and part-time staff members and a large number of residents, interns and volunteers.

John Kinsman, president of the mental health board of directors, called Dr. Davis' resignation "a great loss to this clinic, but we can understand his desire to resume the practice of his profession in full. We wish Bob Davis well and hope he will continue to serve our clients and our staff as much as he can in his new role."

Planner pick new officers

A new chairman and vice chairman were selected by the Sandy Planning Commission at its Jan. 7 meeting.

Kay McCurdy will head the planners during 1976. Vice chairman is Ken Halgren.

At the meeting the commission voted to recommend approval of a zone change for property recently annexed into the city. The land, located south and east of Meinig Memorial Park, was zoned rural residential by the county. The planners

have suggested the zone be changed to single family residential (R-1) and high density residential (R-3).

The planners also recommended council passage of an ordinance limiting the city's responsibility for providing water service to new subdivisions to two years.

Under the proposed measure the subdivisor of the land would be responsible for water service after the two-year limit. The city could provide water connections, but would not be required to.

Sumner files for re-election

State Rep. Jack Sumner, the Heppner Democrat whose House district takes in part of Clackamas County has filed for re-election.

Sumner, who serves on the interim State Emergency Board, is seeking a third term as state representative from District 55. His constituents

include residents of Morrow, Gilliam, Sherman, Wasco, Jefferson, Clackamas, Marion and Linn counties.

During the 1975 session, Sumner was a member of the Ways and Means Committee. In 1973, he was vice chairman of the House Committee on Agriculture and Natural

Resources, and a member of both the Transportation and the State and Federal Affairs committees.

"I am a firm believer in strict controls on government spending and view this as one of the 1977 legislature's top priorities," he said.

Keeping Posted

THURSDAY, JAN. 15

The Cottrell School Board will meet at 8 p.m. in the east building.

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An officer from the Clackamas County Dog Control department will be in city hall today to issue dog licenses for 1976. Cats and dogs being licensed must have a current rabies vaccination. The animal control officer will be able to provide residents with information on obtaining the required certificate. The office will also be in Sandy Jan. 20 and 29.

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FRIDAY, JAN. 16

The Citizens' Involvement subcommittee of the Clackamas County Planning Commission will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Oregon City courthouse.

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MONDAY, JAN. 19

The Board of Clackamas County Commissioners meets at 10 a.m. in the county courthouse in Oregon City. Included on the agenda is consideration of a mobile home zoning ordinance.

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At 7:30 p.m. the Sandy City Council meets in city hall. Included on the agenda are a zone change request and approval of a design control zone ordinance.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

College helps

To the Editor:

I am writing this letter to commend upon the excellent programs and help once rendered to me by Mt. Hood Community College.

While working as a pressman during the day, I attended the college on a part-time basis in the evenings. I was an older student with little college experience, and yet I received a great deal of extra attention from everyone. Several instructors came in early or stayed late to help with my program. In three years I was able to transfer to Portland State University with 107 hours, and complete my preparation for high school teaching.

It would have been impossible for me to have accomplished this without having a community college so close, and one that takes such an interest in its students.

I think it is a good idea to reflect upon how much many of us owe to Mt. Hood Community College for their excellent educational program.

Gary W. Adams
Sandy High School
Social Science Instructor

The Sandy Union High School budget review committee will deliberate on the district's 1976-77 school budget in the library of the high school beginning at 8 p.m. The public is invited to attend and discuss budget proposals with the committee.

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WEDNESDAY, JAN. 21

The budget committee of the Cottrell School District will meet at 8 p.m. to discuss the 1976-77 school budget. The public is welcome to attend the meeting and speak on proposed programs for the coming year.

CITIZENS COLLEGE FORUM

News and Views About Mt. Hood Community College by Rus Frank, Public Information Specialist

The 10 member Community Arts Council executive board met on campus last week to discuss upcoming winter and spring activities. Among those attending were council president Annett Farmer, secretary Dorothy Woods, program chairperson Jack Malcom, festival chairperson Gene Croghan and membership chairperson Marty Stone.

Highlighting the discussion meeting was the finalization of a membership drive that begins today and will run until March 5. The drive ends with a Friday night benefit presentation by the MHCC drama department of "West Side Story." Also discussed was the recent submission of a grant request of the Oregon Arts Commission to help fund the council's planned Festival of Fine Arts this spring, June 4, 5 and 6, and the festival plans in general.

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The winter-spring 1976 MHCC Contemporary Lecture Series is now under way. The series, which began yesterday with John Salisbury's presentation "Broadcast Journalism and the First Amendment," is composed of five lectures on contemporary subjects. Presented every other Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in the community room of the Far West Federal Savings, Gateway branch, the series features Richard Hayes-Marshall, "The Actor as Mime," Jan. 28; Jim Anderson, "The Birds of Prey—Friend or Foe," Feb. 11; Mary Ann Amsher, Portland—the last 100 years," Feb. 25; and Pat Straub, "The Organic Garden," Mar. 10.

Tickets to individual lectures may be purchased at the door or from the MHCC Community Education and Services Office.

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There is still time to enroll this week in one of the many "short shot" classes offered this winter term at MHCC. Courses include "Money Management for Small Business," "Taxes for the Small Business," and "The Law and Your Small Business." Also offered are special courses and workshops for women and children. All short shot courses require a nominal fee and run through Mar. 12. Contact the Community Education and Services Office at MHCC for further information.

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If you are thinking about giving the college a call remember that as of yesterday Mt. Hood Community College has a new telephone number. The new number is 667-1561 and replaces the old 666 prefix.

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