

Quality education and property tax

By Benjamin E. Mays

Most school systems get most of their money from property taxes. The city, the state, and the federal government, are all responsible for increases in taxes, but they get fewer brick bats than School Board members if they happen to be responsible for tax increases. People want quality education, but they do not want to pay for it.

What they do not understand is the fact that if public education is to be supported, the people will have to provide the money. The only place to get money to run the government and schools is from the people.

Recently the majority of the members of the Atlanta Board of Education recommended to the Board of Aldermen that the millage for the public schools be increased by slightly more than a half mill which was finally approved and which gives the public schools

an additional sum of 1.2 million dollars.

The tax bills are being sent out by the city and county and as a result of the long overdue reevaluation of property some people are having to pay more taxes and some less. This reevaluation of property means that the school tax as the city tax varies.

The ad valorem or property tax will probably be declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court. Then the burden of providing finances for the public schools will fall upon the states and federal government. This will be good because poor districts will get as much per capita expenditures for their children as those in the rich district.

But people who are wise will not be fooled by this probable shift in the source of income for the public schools. Let those who squawk about the property tax for the public school bear in mind that taxes are as unavoidable as death. Taxes must come from the people whether the money is for local, state, or federal government, or for the public schools. If the money is to come from income - state or federal tax - the people will pay.

If the money to support government and schools is to come from sales tax, the money must come from the people. If it is to come from property tax, the people must pay through the nose.

Many people howl to high heaven about quality education and they will simultaneously howl to high heaven if you ask them to increase their taxes by the smallest amount to get more money to improve the quality of education. When people make up their minds that they and they alone will provide the money for schools from whatever source, they will exercise more sanity when it comes to taxes and quality education.

Communications Dean named by PCC

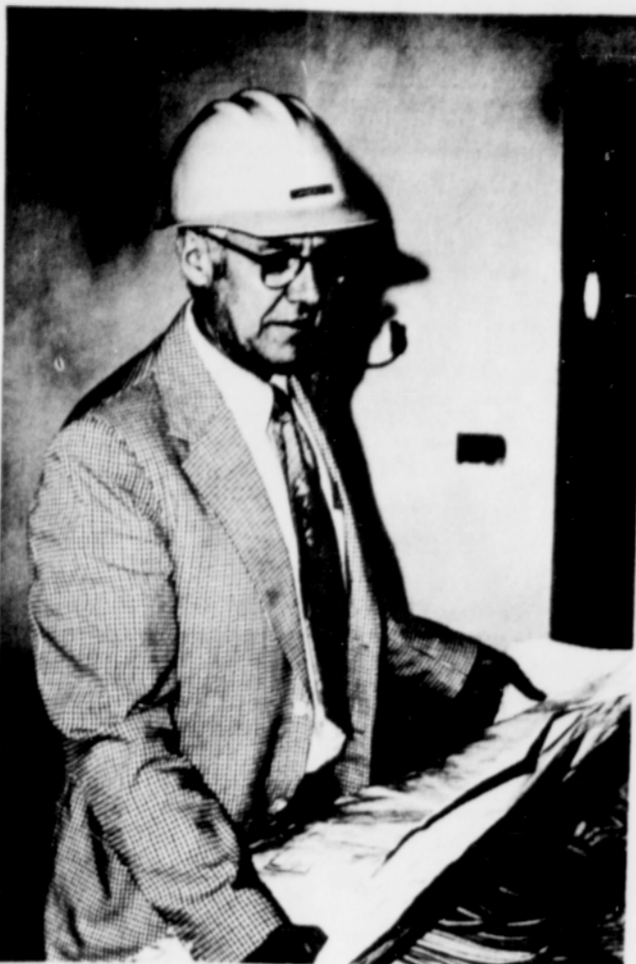
James P. Schuld, art instructor, former art department chairman, and planner at Portland Community College, has been appointed Acting Dean of Communications by President Amo De Bernardis for 1972-73. Schuld has indicated that he wishes to return to teaching in 1973, and a search committee will be appointed in the fall to screen applicants for the dean's position.

Schuld began his career with Portland Community College in 1964 after teaching art at Marshall High School. He is a graduate of San Jose State and Lewis and Clark College.

The new dean will be responsible for implementing programs in PCC's new Communications building which will open classes Fall Term. He describes his appointment as coning the full circle in the planning of the new building. "When I was art department chairman I helped design the original specifications for the visual arts area, in planning I worked with the staff in developing the educational specifications, and now I have the chance to help make it all work for the student."

"I plan to be an active dean," says Schuld, "...not just a seat warmer." "I want to see the philosophy of the communications facility -- interrelating all forms of communication, the visual and applied arts -- put into practice."

Instruction and production will be emphasized in all



JIM SCHULD, Acting Director of Communications

programs: art, graphic reproduction, foreign languages, journalism, language arts, music, photography, and radio and television broadcasting.

"We want to tie this new facility into the community, opening display space for

local artists and organizations... build a real sense of community participation in all programs."

Schuld is a resident of Milwaukie, Oregon, where he lives with his wife and three children.

Morse supports amendment

Former Senator Wayne Morse told the Portland Jaycees, Wednesday that the approval of the end-the-war amendment to the military aid authorization by the House Foreign Affairs Committee was a great step forward. "For years the House of Representatives has been dominated by hawks, but yesterday's vote demonstrates that House members realize the great shift in public opinion that has taken place," Morse stated before a luncheon meeting of Jaycees at the Jade West.

"Our present military expenditures, including those for military foreign aid, make us the most militarily dangerous country in the world and the greatest threat to world peace," Morse continued.

He explained that he would vote for all military appropriations necessary to secure our country's defense and keep us strong. "But we must realize that our legitimate perimeter of defense does not include the mainland of Asia or Western Europe." Morse concluded by telling the luncheon group that we must end our excessive military posture and solve our critical domestic problems.



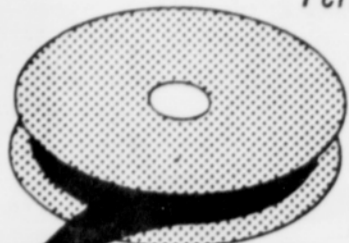
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Drag Strips

To hot rodders, the opening of a new drag strip is a cause for jubilation. But to residents of the neighborhood, the occasion may be less joyful. Do they have legal grounds for complaint?

Unless banned by local statute, a drag strip (or other kind of race track) is a perfectly lawful activity. It may become unlawful, however, because of the way it is run. That is, it may amount to a "nuisance" — subject to abatement by court action.

The noise alone may be offensive enough to justify a stop order. Take this case:

Residents living near a suburban drag strip found the noise so unbearable that they had to keep their windows shut. Residents one mile away had to keep their television turned on high. Residents three miles away said the noise ("like a chain saw") could be heard plainly.



Impressed by these tales of woe, a court ordered the track closed down.

Even if the noise itself isn't too bad, other factors may tilt the scales against the track operators.

In one case, in issuing an injunction, the court stressed the smell of burning fuel. In another case, the court called attention to the glare of lights, powerful enough to keep the neighbors awake at night. Said the indignant judge:

"To dangle restful sleep before an exhausted mortal and never allow him to taste of its refreshing juices constitutes one of the most torturous experiences of mankind."

Still, if these assorted annoyances are kept within reasonable limits, the mere fact that the track brings some commotion into the neighborhood may be overlooked. Thus:

The main objections to a new midjet race track were 1) that traffic in the neighborhood had increased, and 2) that parking spaces had become harder to find. But this time the court denied an injunction, saying that traffic and parking were problems for the city, not for the operators of the track.

The judge said the right to use the public streets belongs to all members of the public—including racing fans.

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Freshmen register

New freshmen who plan to attend Portland State University this fall may make appointments now for either day or evening sessions in summer advising and registration.

Through this summer program, students avoid the rush and pressure of long lines in September. Advisors help students plan their fall schedules and first year programs. Courses and sections can be reserved early. The final registration step—paying fees—is completed in September.

Dates for the full-day visits 8:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., are: August 15, 17, 18, 21, 22, 24, 25, 28, 29, 31 and September 1.

The two-evening sessions, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., are: August 15-16; August 22-23 and August 29-30.

Appointments for either day or evening program may be made by mail or telephone to the Office of the Dean of Undergraduate Studies, PSU.

Anyone wishing to attend PSU this fall still may apply for admission until September 18.

Fall registration for returning students and those not participating in the summer program is September 21-22. Classes begin Sept. 25.

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