



Senator Raul Soto-Seelig pauses a few moments with his wife, Lynne, and their three-year-old daughter Elizabeth. Appointed Senator for District #10, Soto-Seelig is campaigning hard to keep that position.

Budget vote holds key to Mt. Hood CC future

Four years of stability for Mt. Hood Community College will be at stake Tuesday, May 23rd, when district voters consider a revised tax base for the community college.

Dr. R. Stephen Nicholson, MHCC president, said extremely careful planning has gone into the tax base request to insure that the college can operate within the six percent limitation during the 1978-82 four year period if the proposal is approved.

"The college board has made a public commitment to not seek additional operating funds for four years if the May 23rd measure is successful," Nicholson said.

"This means the college will have four years of stability, and voters will not be asked to provide more money each year through special levies," he said.

On the average over the four year period, the \$5.9 million proposal will not increase the college's current tax rate of \$2.20 per \$1,000 valuation. "In fact, the average tax rate over the four years is expected to be less than the current \$2.20 rate," Nicholson said.

He explained that the tax rate in the

initial year will be higher, but when averaged over four years it will be less than the current rate.

Tax base funds are used for college operations only, such as teaching, instructional equipment, plant maintenance, student services, and instructional support services. Nicholson stressed that the May 23rd ballot measure is only for operating funds and is not a bond issue for construction of buildings.

The college's current tax base, \$2.5 million this year, was approved in 1970. This tax base provided five years of stability; a special levy was not needed until 1975. Since 1970, the college has had only two special levies, one in 1975 and another in 1977.

Nicholson noted that a tax base, by law, can increase only six percent each year, but that inflation costs beyond the college's control have far exceeded that figure since 1970. "For example, inflation has more than doubled our energy and paper costs since 1970," he explained.

At the same time, student enrollment has more than doubled since 1970, with the largest increase in the number of vocational students training for jobs.

"We can't control inflation, but we do keep a tight fist on those areas where we can control expenses," the college president said. The college board recently agreed to retire nearly \$2.7 million in bonded indebtedness by using state funds returned to the college for past construction.

"This was a good opportunity for the college to return money to our taxpayers and at the same time keep the tax rate down," he said.

In other recent action, the board voted to proceed with another financial plan designed to save district taxpayers up to \$650,000 by refinancing bonds sold four years ago with new bonds at a lower interest rate now available in the present market.

"We are pleased at the progress we have made this year in controlling costs while still maintaining quality education for our district," Nicholson said.

This year the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges renewed Mt. Hood's accreditation for ten years after extensive self-study and agency review of the entire college.

Board. The Subcommittee recommended the chief executive be elected at large, and the Board elect its own presiding officer annually.

TERM - Both the Term and Vacancy Subcommittee and the Districting Subcommittee recommended retaining four year terms.

REVENUE BONDS - The Wildcard Subcommittee has suggested the Committee consider making a recommendation that the County be allowed to issue revenue bonds with the specific requirement they not be paid from property taxes.

OTHER - The Wildcard Subcommittee also made recommendations that changes be made in the Charter to include the feminine and neuter as well as the masculine gender, that a disability clause

be included, and that the Charter incorporate the State nondiscrimination amendment creating nonpartisan elective offices. The Term and Vacancy Subcommittee suggested that the full Committee resolve the issues of partisans vs. nonpartisan elections and districting before adopting a position on how best to fill vacancies on the Board.

SCHEDULE: Committee meeting scheduled for 7:30 p.m., Monday night May 22nd, at the Multnomah County I.E.D., Seminar Room, 220 S.E. 102nd. Public hearings are scheduled for Mondays, 7:30 p.m., June 5th (Roosevelt High Cafeteria), June 12th, (Cleveland High Cafeteria), June 19th (Lincoln High Cafeteria), and June 26th (Mt. Hood Community College, Town and Gown Room).

Candidate leads YWCA walk

The sale, including used articles and a "fantastic bake sale" will be held across the street from the park at the home of Northeast YWCA Director Delvon Barrett, 2105 N.E. Ainsworth from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

According to Ms. Barrett, money earned from the Walkathon and Sale goes toward partial scholarships for children who do not qualify for any other Westwind scholarship program.

What happens if it rains?
"We just get wet," Director Barrett said, "and pray a lot."

The fifth annual Walkathon and May Sale, sponsored by the Northeast YWCA to help raise funds so that boys and girls in the Northeast area can go to Camp Westwind, the YWCA summer camp near Lincoln City, will be held Saturday, May 20th.

Evie Crowell, a candidate for state representative from the 16th District and a former chairperson of the YWCA Board of Directors, will lead the Walkathon, starting at 11:00 a.m., May 20th in Alberta Park.

Walkers find sponsors willing to pledge 50 cents a lap around Alberta Park.

Through the eyes of Mr. W . . .

by Harold C. Williams

No matter what happens in this election year, it is important that Black people and other people of color join together for a common bond, built on understanding, trust and the will to live. In the last decade with the silencing of the great voice of Martin Luther King, Jr., the sound of thunder and the voice of hope have dwindled to a whisper of confusion, disillusion and distrust.

It is important that Black people and people of color set out the priorities for their destiny, for society will not address the issues that affect Blacks and other people of color unless Blacks and other people of color are willing to die for principles that would allow their children of the future to dream dreams that will become a reality toward a better life.

Few persons in this present day have been to the mountain top and even fewer have a dream. The common bond of unity is the most powerful force that Black people and people of color have in which to fight to bring about change in this oppressed society. Black people and people of color will have to dictate, spell out what it wants from society, what it is willing to give in return and what it will not tolerate.

It should be obvious to Black people and people of color that no one cares if you don't care -- no one will fight if you're not willing to fight -- there will be no dreams if you are not willing to dream -- there will be no reality if you are not willing to join together in a common bond of power and unity for the betterment of all people of color and hope that the future will bring universal understanding to all people.

The time is now to build, for dreams are the blueprint to reality and without the blueprint, the children of the future have no hope.

Art Festival

King and Sabin Community Schools will hold its first "Spring Art Festival" on Saturday May 20th, from noon until 8:00 p.m. At Martin Luther King Jr. Early Childhood School located at 4906 N.E. 6th.

This is a community project sponsored by community people with the assistance of the Metropolitan Art Commission, please mark your calendar for this special Fun Day. There is no admission, for more information, contact: Liz Sheppard, 288-6391 or Don Liedel: 281-6915.

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Gretchen Kafoury
democrat for state representative

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- The Oregon Journal
- The Portland Observer
- The Willamette Week
- Oregon AFL-CIO
- Oregon League of Environmental Voters
- Oregon Public Employees Council
- Citizen's Alliance for Responsible Education (School Board members and Administrators)
- United Transportation Union
- Portland Town Council
- People for Improvement of Education (Oregon Teachers)
- Citizen Action by State Employees
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14 YEARS EXPERIENCE

- Appointed Municipal Court Judge by Mayor Terry Schunk.
- Appointed Multnomah County District Judge by Governor Tom McCall. Elected 1972.
- Elected Presiding Judge 3 Times by his Fellow Judges.
- Elected President, American Judges Association, 1976.

Committee to Re-elect Judge Jordan,
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Democrat for State Representative
District 14



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Ruth McFarland

A new State Superintendent could be the turning point for our Schools



For State Superintendent of Public Instruction

- All children are entitled to quality education.
- Teachers should emphasize basic skills.
- Textbooks should be at the appropriate grade level.
- Quality, not quantity of administrators is essential.
- Competencies should be started at kindergarten level.
- Educational decision-making should be at the local level.

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I believe that all people, regardless of race, religion, or sex, have a right to equal opportunity in education, in employment, and in housing. We must work hard on legislation which guarantees women's and minority rights in this state.

JANE CEASE