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"Let's Be Different"

One of the most intensive sales campaign ever seen in this area is now underway. It is the effort of the Board of Directors of TVCC, the budget board and the administration to sell the \$1,043,576 issue to the voters May 24.

In this, they are joined by about 40 businessmen of Ontario who will call themselves THE CITIZENS COMMITTEE IN SUPPORT OF TREASURE VALLEY COLLEGE.

They, and all other businesses of Ontario, have a vital economic stake in maintaining the school. It is the biggest industry in their city, even surpassing Ore-Ida processing plant, for local spending among the merchants.

So, it is understandable their interest in the matter and reason for them to advertise support of the issue, especially if they believe the college will be closed permanently if the funds are not approved.

The board of directors also have their interest. Heretofore, they have been proud of their parts in the growth of the college and, while admitting to being derelict in their duties as elected officers, want another chance to rectify matters (in their own way). There is another reason for concern--if budget laws have been violated, if the funds could not be collected by the banks from the college, the board members might be jointly and severally responsible for payment of the excess funds misused.

We still feel the board is acting (1) without trying to serve the taxpayers' thoughts on the matter, (2) that they cannot sincerely believe the college doors will close forever if voters disapprove of the funds May 24, (3) that they can restore confidence in the college with the present personnel.

It appears to us that the board has shown REPENTANCE--have admitted their faults and are truly sorry for what has transpired and wish it had not happened. But they lack CONVERSION. They are still following an IDOL in the form of college president Eugene F. Voris.

They see only the good he has accomplished and none of the negligence he should be charged with in operation of the finances.

On May 22, 1966 Mr. Voris delivered the address at the Nyssa baccalaureate-commencement services. The title of his address was "LET'S BE DIFFERENT" and we can certainly say he has practiced that theory in operation of the college.

He has been a real promoter. The college enrollment has grown from 111 full-time Oregon students in '62-'63 to 1040 in the current year. He has procured a maximum of state and federal funds (still supplied by taxpayers), has secured a number of buildings on the campus (while other older community colleges of the state are still in temporary quarters), munity colleges of the state are still in temporary quarters), and has a staff of instructors, of which he and the board have been proud.

But he should share in the guilt of spending funds not available for construction as he hired the staff, at salaries set by himself, and exceeded the salary amount set up in the budget by more than \$200,000 in this one year.

We have no personal animosity toward Mr. Voris but believe he has out-lived his usefulness in the present capacity. He may be an excellent instructor but as an administrator falls in the same class as the ex-business manager whom he hired a few years ago without investigation. We cannot buy the propaganda making Mr. Anders the goat for all the mismanagement. Mr. Voris is the man usually referred to as the Administrator.

The voters will decide next Wednesday!

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An ancient service of ordination was observed at All Saints' Episcopal church on March 17, 1967, when the Rev. Mr. Dirk T. Rinehart was ordained priest in God's Holy Catholic church, according to the rite of the Protestant Episcopal church.

The Rt. Rev. Lane W. Barton, D.D., Bishop of Eastern Oregon, ordained Mr. Rinehart and celebrated the Holy Communion. The Rev. Rustin Kinsey, Rev. Rinehart's brother-in-law, was guest speaker, and the Rev. Armand Larive of Nyssa presented Rev. Rinehart to the Bishop for ordination.

The Episcopal church, through the centuries, has retained a three-fold ordained ministry (deacon, priest, bishop) as found in the ancient church, the Roman Catholic

church and the Eastern Orthodox church. The Rev. Rinehart has served nine months as deacon since his ordination to that ministry last July. As priest in the church he is authorized to celebrate the Holy Communion and pronounce absolution, as well as perform all other duties of ordained ministry.

Women of All Saints' church served a buffet dinner for all out-of-town guests before the ordination. Also a reception was held following the service in the church parish hall.

Many out-of-town relatives, friends and clergy were present for the service. Among them were Rev. Rinehart's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grant Rinehart of Nyssa, ----- Gazette-Times, Heppner, Ore.

Letters to the Editor

To The Editor:

The citizens of Oregon, hundreds of thousands of whom are customers of First National Bank of Oregon, should be apprised of the facts about BankAmericard. Recently published criticism of the BankAmericard system paints an unfair picture.

We studied various credit cards for more than seven years before deciding that First National should and could offer a program. We felt that the people of Oregon wanted this new service.

The facts support our decision. Of First National's 200,000 cardholders, more than 45,000 have used their cards to purchase more than 5,000,000 worth of goods and services from Oregon businesses. Merchants in the state have benefited by an additional \$500,000 from out-of-state cardholders.

The average payment by merchants is between 3 and 3.5 percent of the gross amount charged on BankAmericard. Under the credit card program, however, the merchant eliminates the costs of maintaining a credit department. The bank pays for credit investigations, handling and billing, collections and credit losses. In addition, the merchant receives immediate cash from the bank, thereby reducing the amount of working capital required in the conduct of his business.

Many of the 5,000 merchants who have joined our program are now able, for the first time, to offer credit to their customers, and others have reported that the BankAmericard charge is close to one-third less than the cost of operating their own credit departments. As a result, the smaller merchants throughout the state may now compete for credit business on terms identical with those offered by department stores in metropolitan areas.

Cardholders also benefit from the plan: there is no fee for the card, there is no service charge if payments are made within 25 days of billing (this could mean almost two months without any charge or payment), and only one check needs to be written to cover what normally would be many accounts. There are about 10,000 businesses which honor the card in Oregon and many more thousands throughout the nation, and if the cardholder desires to repay on a deferred payment plan, the bank charge is identical with that offered by merchants providing similar credit arrangements.

Senate Bill 536, as amended, will apply only to transactions involving goods and services. It authorizes a charge of 1 1/2 percent a month on the amount deferred for payment through monthly installments. Charges for cash advances under the credit card would comply with existing laws applicable to banks.

The bill is intended to eliminate discrimination against Oregon banks by authorizing charges identical with those offered by department stores in Oregon and by the vast majority of credit cards now in use throughout the United States.

It will be many months before our BankAmericard program can be expected to be profitable and a still greater period of time before the start-up costs will be recovered through normal profits. Obviously, the service can be continued on a permanent basis only if it offers the opportunity for profitable operations.

We believe the merchants and consumers of the state are in favor of the BankAmericard

Mr. Ted Brammer
Editor
Nyssa Gate City Journal
Nyssa, Oregon

Dear Mr. Brammer:

I whole heartedly support your Editorial "Should Taxpayers Revolt on TVCC College Budget?" printed in the Nyssa Gate City Journal, Thursday, May 11, 1967.

Yours truly,
Sam E. Hartley
Route #2
Nyssa, Oregon

program and we urge support of Senate Bill 536 in its amended form.

Ralph J. Voss, President
First National Bank of Oregon

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

To the Editor and Townpeople:

Congratulations on your fine editorial in the last issue of the Gate City Journal. You asked many questions that to this date remain unanswered, questions that are very pertinent.

The tax paying district of Treasure Valley Community college should be grateful to a few dedicated tax payers in and around Ontario who concentrated their efforts in assembling the data that brought this revelation to the attention of the public. Had it not been for them, this admitted mismanagement on the part of the board of education, the budget board, and administration concerned undoubtedly would never have been revealed.

Now, we the taxpaying public, asked by this same group of mismanagers to approve a budget and bond issue to bail them out of their dilemma. We are asked to forget what has been done. But, the future can only be judged by the past. We can ill afford to again trust this group to manipulate an amount in this sum. We have been threatened that if the bond issue and budget are not approved, TVCC will close. This is an age old threat by those who wish to seek a benefit and gain an end. Under proper management, this is unnecessary and very unlikely.

Let us be informed just where our instruction money is being spent and clear up the many unanswered rumors that are in circulation. We know where the money must come from, but we should know where it is going. Your vote on May 24 is most important. When the true facts are revealed, then evaluate the conditions and vote your convictions. Don't leave it to someone else, get your mark on a ballot. A vote against this proposal is not a vote against education, it is not a vote against the continuation of TVCC, it is not a vote against our youth. It is a vote for good education.

I'm certain most of you are aware the budget and bond issue voting day for Treasure Valley Community college is May 24, 1967.

As a student of TVCC I have definitely come to realize the needs for the passing of the bond. To inform the public of these factors, there has been a series of discussions held nightly since Tuesday of this week. The last will be tonight at 9:00 p.m. and can be heard on KSRV radio station. The public is urgently invited to telephone, at 889-8651, the questions of their particular interest concerning the college. The panel consists of college, urban, and rural representatives.

Treasure Valley college is a community institution. It is yours as well as the students. As leaders of tomorrow, we students, ask you, the leaders of today, for your support.

Thank you,
Barbara Smit

It is a vote against the present administration, which we must have in order for good education to survive in our community. Let us get a good foundation of board members, budget members, and administrators, and a new budget devoid of frills and mistakes and make this a true community college.

Sincerely yours,
Jack Anderson
702 N. 2nd St.
Nyssa, Oregon

Visit Hieters

Weekend visitors in the Oscar Hieter home were Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Ohm of Everett, Wn. Mrs. Ohm remained in Nyssa to be with her mother and father. Mr. Hieter is a patient in the Malheur Memorial hospital with an extended illness. He was hospitalized on April 13. A son, Arthur Hieter of Roseville, Calif., expected home this week.

More Questions Asked On TVCC

More questions pertaining to the operation of Treasure Valley Community college have arisen since the last issue of the Journal. Some of these have been oral and some have come through the mail.

With all the publicity given in various meetings and in radio broadcasts most of these may have been satisfactorily answered prior to press time, but here they are:

If, as Chairman Rinehart says, correct information can be gotten from any board member, did Mr. Schroeder say at the Ontario meeting Monday night there was not money to pay the May salaries, and board member John Easley tell the Vale group one day later there was money for May? Do they still not know the true financial condition?

With the salaries for this year exceeding the budget by more than \$200,000 do they not print a salary sheet so taxpayers can see what each employee receives?

Does anyone on the board co-sign salary contracts with President Voris?

Does the president get \$3,000 per month for payment on a house under the Rental expense fund? Why, if so, does not the college make the payments on the house and own the home eventually?

Did the dean of instructions get a \$3,000 salary increase in mid-term—a raise from \$10,000 to \$13,000? Why?

How much money did the college spend in the efforts to annex Harney and Grant county?

Does the school pay for expenses of faculty members' wives when they go along on school business trips?

Does Ontario Police Chief draw \$4,000 a year for conducting a police science class one night a week? Is his pay cut when he is unable to be there? Has he any college credentials?

Adrian Community Church News

Members of the women's association of Adrian Community church met last Thursday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Elmer Rosenkilde, with Mrs. John Fahrbruch as co-hostess.

Roll call was answered by reports on the number of friendship calls made during the past month. Mrs. Elnore Topliff, president, was in charge of the meeting.

Plans were made for Mrs. Jake Barge to make and present corsages at the church Sunday morning. Lillian Fahrbruch had the least coin. Plans were also made for a potluck dinner on the 25th Anniversary of the church on Sunday, July 30.

Mrs. Rosenkilde gave the program, "Mothers Of The Bible."

Does Kenneth Ghaus take care of the transportation vehicles and still take an almost full college course?

Does the catalog state that out-of-area students must live college leased housing? Have these conditions been enforced? If not, has the college lost money on these facilities due to their not being fully utilized?

Has any board member checked the records in the business manager office to see if Mr. Voris' was not frequently notified of some of the existing over-spending? If not, why make him the big 'Scape Goat'?

Did the college collect money from the state for a class on Shop Procedures last fall when there was no class held?

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