

NIMH to fund mental health careers program

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The National Institute of Mental Health has funded the New Careers in Mental Health Program for another three years. For the 1975-76 year the program will receive \$90,000 and \$75,000 and \$50,000 for the two succeeding years.

New Careers trains para-professionals working in social service agencies to be of more service to their clients. The focus of the program is on improving community services through education and increasing inter-agency cooperation.

James Kelley, dean of the School of Community Service and Public Affairs, (CSPA), said the New Careers Program represents "an opportunity for the University to collaborate with Lane Community College and key human service programs in Lane County to develop education that is useful for human service workers in their professional roles and provide an opportunity for these same people to train in new careers."

Mary Harvey, director of the program, added that New Careers is for "people who have no education to speak of but are good at what they do."

Harvey hopes the New Careers Program will have enough momentum to continue on its own after their funding runs out. By that time the educational and training reforms introduced by the New Careers Program will be institutionalized. "But, if it can't be done in five years, it can't be done at all," Harvey said.

Missourian nets city manager job

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Eugene's new city manager is Charles Henry who for the past 16 years has been the city manager of University City, Mo., it was announced Saturday.

Henry, 55, replaces Hugh McKinley, who left Eugene March 21 for his new post as San Diego's city manager. Eugene's former city manager, Gary Long, turns the reins over to Henry on July 14.

"This is a distinct promotion in terms of size of city and responsibilities," Henry said Saturday night in a press conference at the Valley River Inn. His yearly pay will be \$36,000.

Henry was one of more than 100 applicants for the job. The city contracted Callaghan & Co. to screen applicants down to 16. The City Council then screened those down to five, and interviewed them Saturday.

"I'm coming here because it offers a new set of challenges," Henry said, explaining his reasons for applying.

"Eugene is a bustling city, growing still very rapidly, though showing its age in other ways," he said. "Some older neighborhoods are in need of conservation and preservation."

This is a strong contrast with University City, which Henry said was larger than Eugene in 1960, but is now about half the size of Eugene. It is a suburb of St. Louis, with limited space to expand.

Like Eugene, however, University City has a large student population, with five colleges or commercial schools within three miles of the city. It also has large black

and Oriental communities, Henry said.

While Henry was there, the city's open-air market was founded and flourished, he said. It operates on the same system of booths that Eugene's Saturday Market does. It sells mostly food, however, and is open on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

"It's economically a very sound thing. It's a family affair...and they undersell the supermarkets. It's become a kind of social thing," Henry said, mentioning the city council has a coffee and orange-juice booth on Saturdays.

University City's complex zoning system, developed while Henry was there, "requires building inspections prior to every change in occupancy," he said. "Any unliveable conditions must

be corrected before anyone can move in." That includes apartments. Henry said he wasn't sure if a program like this was applicable to Eugene, however.

Like Eugene, University City's citizen participation program includes neighborhood groups. The groups "come and go," Henry said, "depending on the severity of their problems."

Eugene neighborhood groups may have more power over local decisions, however, since their neighborhood plans become a part of Eugene's 1990 Plan, the city's comprehensive planning document.

Henry has two degrees from Princeton, a B.S. in electrical engineering, and an M.A. in political science. He and his wife Helen have six children, ranging in age from eight to 24.

Nuclear safety initiative started

By MIKE DOLAN
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SALEM—If a group of Oregonians have their way, this state will be voting "yes" or "no" on a new set of stringent nuclear safety rules next year.

The newly formed Oregonians for Nuclear Safeguards announced Monday an initiative petition drive to put a measure on the November 1976 ballot requiring utility companies to prove the safety and reliability of their nuclear powered plants.

The announcement was made here by Robert Gerding, chief of chemistry at Good Samaritan Hospital in Portland. Gerding received a Ph.D. in biochemistry from the University of Oregon in 1967.

The organization will have to collect a little

more than 46,000 signatures to place the measure on the ballot.

The proposed ballot measure is nearly identical to HB-2279 now in the hands of the House Trade and Economic Development Committee. The committee probably will not approve the bill.

HB-2279 and the proposed ballot measure are modeled after an initiative successfully placed on the California ballot for next year. The initiatives in both states have the support of Ralph Nader and are part of a West Coast drive to bring the issue of nuclear safety to a vote in six states.

Basically the measure requires utilities to buy full insurance, to test their nuclear safety system and to show they can adequately dispose of all nuclear wastes.

VIP's canoe on new waterway

Seven gleaming metal canoes, carrying city and county employees and VIP's, moved slowly down the new Alton Baker Park Waterway, marking its formal opening Monday afternoon.

The event signalled the end of

nearly two years of work on the facility, which began with a successful application for a HUD open space grant in March 1973, actual construction beginning that summer, and the filling of the canal last Friday.

Among the visitors were two of the three county commissioners, Bob Wood and Nancy Hayward, Eugene Mayor Les Anderson and University Pres. Robert Clark. Wood, Anderson and Clark all paddled the canoes, along with Mel Jackson and other employees from the Eugene Parks and Recreation Department.

The waterway itself cost \$742,509, with road relocation and vehicle bridges costing \$253,449. The HUD grant contributed \$198,738 to the total cost.

Before the canoes pushed off, Paul Beistel of the county's parks and open space department gave a brief explanation of how the waterway works. Water is diverted from the Willamette River through

a five-foot culvert to the waterway, which begins approximately one mile southeast of Autzen Stadium and ends in the Nielsen Gardens at Alton Baker Park. The flow of water is regulated at 80 cubic feet per second, no matter what the level of the Willamette River is.

Beistel said the waterway can be used for canoeing, swimming and fishing. The canal will be stocked this summer and next summer for fishing on an experimental basis.

Good humor prevailed throughout the canoe ride, and the high point was Jackson and Wood "shooting the rapids," actually a chute located near Autzen Stadium. Jackson had advised the others to carry their canoes around the point.

Local news media gathered around expectantly with their cameras, and were not disappointed when the canoe made it, taking in some water in the process.

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