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to start job in state post

Former Los Angeles public school administrator James Payne has been named assistant in student services for the Oregon State System of Higher Education Office of Academic

According to Clarethel Kahananui, acting vice chancellor for academic affairs, one of Payne's first tasks will be to review programs and services for minority and disadvantaged students at Oregon's institutions of higher learning.

"Dr. Payne believes all students capable of pursuing a college education ought to be encouraged and prepared to do so," said Kahananui.

Payne was previously assistant principal of Marcus Garvey Elementary and Junior High School in Los Angeles. He has also served as professor and associate director of the Pan-African Studies Department at California State University, Los

Payne received his doctorate in comparative culture in 1975 from the University of California, Irvine. He holds a master's degree in education (urban administration) from Harvard University and a bachelor's degree in social science from California State University, Los Angeles.

Kahananui said Payne was able to assume his new duties immediately upon his being hired to the position, which had been vacant since January. He is married and has two daughters. The Paynes are already somewhat familiar with Oregon, Kahananui explained.

New assistant Center seeks mural

By Jacquie Long Of the Emerald

The EMU Recreation Center will display a much more colorful video arcade by the end of the summer.

According to Dexter Simmons, recreation center manager, a mural will be painted to cover the three walls of the arcade that are now blank.

"I'm interested in putting an end to the drab and dreary institutional look here," Simmons said.

Although an artist has not yet been chosen to design the mural, Simmons hopes the project will be started by July 10 and finished in early August. The recreation center is now accepting bids from University artists who would like to design and paint the mural.

"We're taking bids from students, faculty and staff," Simmons said. "People who are familiar with students' interests and who can reflect that in the mural's design."

The south wall is covered already with a mural painted last summer by Mark Lakeman, a student. The design is a large graphic portrayal of several comic strip characters, painted primarily in blue, black and

"We'd like something that blends in with the existing color scheme but a little less cartoonish and more along the lines of design," Simmons said.

He said that there is no specific deadline for entering proposals, but he would like to have the bids in by next week in order to get the project under

The recreation center will pay for the materials used to paint the mural and will probably pay the artist by the hour, Simmons

"Or the proposal could include the work for a summer practicum or course credit," he added. "It would be great experience for a student in design."

The recreation center will fund the project, primarily with revenue from the video games.

"A lot of people play these games," Simmons said, "and I think we'll all be glad to have a little more color in here.'

Piano conference to begin

A piano conference featuring prominent educator and pianist Guy Duckworth is scheduled for today through Sunday at the University School of Music.

Duckworth has performed throughout the United States, Canada and Mexico. He is skilled as a concert pianist, master teacher, lecturer and author.

In 1982-83, Duckworth participated in the Commission on Tertiary Education at the International Society for Music Education Conference in Finland. The same year, he was recognized for his breakthroughs in piano teaching at the National Piano Pedogogy Conference in Madison, Wis.

Duckworth's innovative programs in performance, literature and teaching at the University of Colorado are based on the study of the learning processes as they evolve from the interaction of persons in small and large groups, according to Doris Allen, a University music professor.

At the Eugene conference, teacher performers will participate in group lessons exploring developmental stages of learning. In conjunction with the conference, recitals will be held Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. in Beall Concert Hall. They will be open to all conference participants and to the general public.

For registration and fee information, contact Doris Allen at 686-5653 or 686-3761



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