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MATH STUDENT Colin Giddings "talks to" the computer, as teacher Robert Fair and students David Winegar and Mike Reilly look on.

Delegates attend conference; meeting termed 'really great'

"The conference was really great," exclaimed Randi Sypher, chairman of the Student Curriculum Advisory Council. She was referring to an area-wide conference held at Camp Meunucha (near Corbett) during the last week in February. The conference's objectives were: "to provide discussion of need for student involvement, and to develop strategies for student involvement." Curriculum Council members that attended were Randi Sypher and Jim Condon. SHRAC sent Anthony Sherman and Sharon Bibb. Dr. Roy Malo, Charles Randolph and George Galati also attended.

Randi said that the atmosphere was very casual. She remembered that when the delegates first arrived, papers were passed out which explained how to

'Environmental Teach-In' announced, meeting held

"The main thrust of our activity is to coordinate the high school efforts that are already under way, enlarging and focusing on them, as affairs in their own right, as models for spreading the idea to other schools, and as the basis for official recognition of the . . . activities by the

State Office of Public Instruction."

THE OREGON Environmental Council states this as the basis of an April 22 "Environmental Teach-In" they are sponsoring in cooperation with high schools and other organizations.

Principal Dr. Roy O. Malo released the Council's open letter to faculty and students Monday when a preliminary meeting was held for those interested.

ACCORDING to the Council, "There is no question that in the long run the environmental challenge is the greatest faced by mankind. Distinguished scientific authorities have been warning for years that mankind is rapidly destroying the very habitat on which he depends for his survival."

The Council cites the explosive population, pollution of rivers and lakes, and pollution of the air in urban areas, suburban expansion which destroys scenic and recreational resources, and land and noise pollution as subjects of grave concern.

"TIME IS OF the essence" marks their basic theme as "the 'new generation' now in school . . . which will soon inherit the world environment . . . will finally bear the brunt of this tragic irresponsibility."

The aim of this program is to encourage students, themselves, to take the initiative to organize the environmental teach-ins

communicate.

The point was stressed that we should never feel embarrassed to ask a speaker to paraphrase what he has said, or to further explain his comments," Randi explained.

At the conference, the delegates from each school were asked to submit a paper answering what student involvement was to them. "We decided that it was pride, rights and responsibilities, and communication," Randi informed.

The Curriculum Council's newest idea is going to be presented to the student body in the form of a petition. This petition will generally say that the "undersigned wish a more flexible schedule." Randi felt that a flexible schedule is important because "it will allow students to take more classes that they are interested in."

George Galati, Activities Director, who is one of the advisors for the Student Human Relations Advisory Council, commented that they are "still trying to work out organizational procedures. We're trying to get ideas from the students themselves—if the ideas come from the advisors, what good are they?" he questioned.

"Successful teach-ins on all campuses on the same day will have a dramatic impact on the environmental conscience of the nation," according to the Council.

More meetings will be held to decide what activities will be scheduled here in conjunction with the Council's suggestions of possibilities.

Math department acquires computer

Offered next year as a semester course, is a class teaching the language and use of computers.

Using the General Electric time sharing system,

that relays information from the computer in Seattle and back here, the students will learn the basic structure of a computer and its memory. A simple and commonly

used computer language, BASIC LANGUAGE, will be taught early in the course with more difficult languages learned later.

Students will learn flow charting, and drawing of diagrams of programs.

This course is now in operation during "0" period class (before school), and during seventh period. It now carries no credit, but will next September.

Requirements for this class are that the student must have successfully completed, with an "A" or a "B", MA-3-4, more commonly known as second year Algebra. A real computer will be used, as is being used now, during the course. It is housed in room 130 under the tender care of Mr. Robert Fair.

"I think stress should be put upon the coming years," stated Mr. Fair. "Computers will be touching everyone's lives. No matter what you should choose to do in life, computers will in some way influence you. We have no intention of turning students into programmers, or technicians, but we want to give them a feel of the process of computer usage and what they can, and cannot, do with them.

A computer has been put in each Portland high school with the exception of Adams, which is now using, through a method of relay, the computer at Oregon State University.

Benson, Wilson, Madison and Lincoln high schools have already had and successfully used computers for two years, with the cost to the school district.

Mr. Ronald Sobottka, math department head, commented on the computer, "It is now part of the fifth year math program. In the future, however, it will be a tool and not a course—we will be doing problems that will require a computer."

Annual PTA rummage sale scheduled; proceeds back student organizations

by Margaret Hadden

Rummagarooney, no . . . It's RUMMAGE-ARAMA, the annual PTA rummage sale. This sale, which has been very successful in the past, will be held April

9-11 in the Hollywood East Apartments. Two rooms will be used.

The sale will be open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday and Friday and will be open until 4 p.m. Saturday, the 11th. The apartment building is located at 4400 N.E. Broadway.

Last year the sale netted near \$1900. "All profits we make will be used for Grant students, as they were last year," explained Mrs. Mary Stilwell, a PTA "rummager."

The money is divided among organizations and activities that are in need of financial backing. Last year part of the money was used to pay off the Memorial Organ.

Donations are asked to be deposited at Mrs. Stilwell's home at 2129 N.E. Knott. "Anything that can be used," are the specifications for donations set by the PTA. No furniture is needed however.

Those interested in helping may call Mrs. Stilwell at 282-6761.

Admissions policy changed by PSU

Portland State University recently changed their admission policy for incoming freshmen and stated that the College Entrance Examination Board Achievement tests are not required. These are the tests which are taken in the afternoon on the student's choice of subjects (or whatever is required of him for the college he is planning to apply to). Portland State used to require Achievement tests in Math Level I and English Composition plus a foreign language if two or more years were studied in high school.

However, the morning session tests — the Scholastic Achievement Tests (SAT tests) are still required for admission into Portland State. The college must receive a transcript of the scores.

Achievement tests are generally used only to see how well the student will do in college, and sometimes for placement purposes. If a student going to Portland State wishes to transfer after a year or more, to another college, he will not need the Achievement tests then, either, but he will need to have taken college transfer courses and the SAT tests.

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Monday — First day of Spring Vacation!

Monday (3/23)—School reopens—C Schedule

Wednesday (3/25)—International Women's day

Thursday (3/26)—Forecasting visitation day

Friday (3/27)—Frosh Frolic



THE RESULTS of the three hours worked donated by 30 people is shown in the neat, organized trophy cases.

Time for spring weeding?

Trophy cases cleaned, rearranged

"We wanted to weed out all the old trophies from years and years ago which were just cluttering the cases and taking up space, which will be needed for new trophies," commented Activities Director George Galati when asked about the cleaning of the trophy cases on the second floor center hall.

THE CLEANING was held on March 7, a Saturday morning, from 9 to 12. Thirty-four students, two children and three faculty members, Mr. Galati, Mr. Cotton and Mr. Trigsted, attended.

Athletic Rep Don Johnson was in charge of arranging the clean-up, along with A.G.G.

DON REMARKED, "We had a great crew, and they did an

excellent job." The trophies were polished, and the glass was cleaned along with the shelves. Eighteen boxes, with about 100 old trophies altogether were taken to be stored in a storage room. Don explained that these trophies were old and insignificant to the school now.

A sign-up sheet was in the Activities Office so all those interested in attending could put their names down. A list was made on Saturday morning of all those who helped and they were thanked in one of the morning announcements.

Student Body President Gary Cogill elaborated, "The trophy cases look really great and I hope the school appreciates the work put into it."