

Instructor enjoys house husband role

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...writing, cooking, and child care
John Redman, Clackamas Community
College's new English instructor, on the go.
Redman's experiences and life style have
made his instructor unique. Before his marriage



John Redman

12 years ago, he tried a variety of jobs ranging from telephone soliciting to working at a radiation laboratory.

However, Redman decided to go back to college after his marriage. He received his B.A. from Portland State in 1969 and his M.A. (also from Portland State) in 1971.

"When our son was born in 1975, my wife continued teaching during the day and I taught night classes at Portland Community College, Mt. Hood Community College, and Clackamas Community College," said Redman.

"This arrangement made it possible for one of us to always be with our son, Jason," Redman said.

Redman believes that his experiences as a house-husband have benefited him as well as his son.

"The intimate connection with the infant is something most men never experience," Redman said.

Because it allows him to be with Jason during the day, Redman prefers his schedule of teaching night classes at CCC.

Sue, Redman's wife is a fifth grade teacher at Lynchwood Elementary School. She did not know how to cook when they were first married and did not have time to learn, according to Redman.

It was then that the pattern was set. Sue continued teaching school while Redman went to college. During his college years he bought a couple of cook books and mastered the art of cooking.

Redman doesn't really consider himself in the gourmet league, but he does admit to being a "good cook." He still does all of the cooking and especially likes to whip up something special for guests.

Redman's hobbies include writing poems (although he has never attempted to have them published) and building furniture.

"My wife and I enjoy working in our yard," said Redman, "and our main vice away from home is going to the beach." They also enjoy live theatre whenever it's possible to get away for a evening.

"However, having an infant in the house calls for lots of planning ahead," Redman said.

CCC science dept.

requires used

spectrophotometer

A used atomic absorption spectrophotometer has been acquired by Clackamas Community College Science Department for \$1500 and is in the process of being installed in the Orchard Complex.

Advanced science students may utilize it to measure element concentrations in solutions, Loren Studer, CCC chemistry instructor, said.

This sophisticated piece of laboratory equipment has been sought by the science department for several years, according to Studer.

"Few community colleges have this instrument," he said, "and we feel very fortunate."

Studer explained that the spectrophotometer is yet another instrument for measuring minute concentrations of an element in a solution.

"Basically," Studer said, "an unknown solution in a small amount is aspirated into a flame of compressed air and acetylene, the flame being the low energy source which causes an excited electronic state in the unknown solution."

"A salt left over from the solvent evaporation is dissociated into free gaseous atoms which, on return to the ground state, emit photons of characteristic wave length. The amount of radiation absorbed by these atoms is measured by the instrument, often in parts per million," said Studer.

The new piece of equipment takes its place on a workbench among \$20,000 worth of similar chemistry tools which Studer has been instrumental in acquiring in his seven years with CCC.

"There is more instrumentation now in the field of chemistry than ever before," he said, "and unless the student has this equipment at his disposal, he is being cheated in his education."

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