

Regional conference looks at wildlife, land use issues

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Clackamas Community College will be the location for the Pacific Northwest Conference on "Wildlife in the Urban Environment," which is to be held May 4, 5 and 6.

The conference is sponsored by 21 cooperating organizations, two of which include the College and the John Inskip Environmental Learning Center (ELC) which is located on the College campus.

The conference is the first in the Northwest and is designed to provide for planners, resource managers, park and recreation staff, members of the business community, educators, land use specialists and the general public a forum to address issues which have an impact upon wildlife and wildlife habitat in Northwest urban environments.

Jerry Herrmann, ELC director and co-chairman of the conference, insists there is no fund raising aspect to the conference at all. He said this is the first-ever conference of its kind in the Pacific Northwest, although there was a similar one in Maine held five years ago.

Keynote speakers at the conference will be Dr. John Kusler from the National Wildlife Law Institute in Washington, D.C., Dr. Robert Michael Pyle and Dr. Fredrick D. Shepard.

Pyle is a founder of the Xerces Society and is the author of two books: the "Audobon Society Field Guide to North American Butterflies" and "Watching Washington Butterflies." He is currently a writer and teaches at Grays Harbor College in Washington state.

Shepard has taught "Bioaesthetics" in Cyprus and Turkey. He has served as Executive Secretary of the Board of Governors of the American Board Schools in Turkey, and has been an instructor of biology at Aleppo College in Syria, and a teaching assistant in entomology at Harvard University.

In addition to the three speakers mentioned above, 40 other speakers will be participating at the conference, which is expected to draw at least 200 people from Eugene to Seattle.

The agenda for the conference is as follows: On Friday there will be interaction among agencies, organizations

and individuals responsible for the utilization, acquisition, management and planning of urban wildlife habitats.

Educators and the general public will be acquainted on Saturday with issues that have an impact on urban wildlife. The public will also learn how they can become effectively involved in planning for wildlife, and what businesses and other groups can do to promote conservation and careful development of urban wildlife habitats.

On Sunday a series of field trips will provide the opportunity to visit some of Oregon's most important wildlife areas. These trips will include the Willamette River Study Cruise and the Urban Wildlife Resources Tours. The resources tours will include the Johnson Creek tour, the Fanno Creek and Washington County wetlands tour, the Hedges Creek Marsh tour and the Urban Streams Enhancement Techniques tour.

Expected outcomes from the conference are as follows: to develop an urban wildlife resource directory of interested planners, wildlife specialists and citizens; to promote an exchange of urban wildlife issues throughout



Oregon and Washington; to share success stories between economic development and conservation interests; to set the stage for an ongoing series of mini-conferences on critical urban land use issues, urban wetlands, urban streams, park management and wildlife management; and to share information regarding conservation opportunities (tax incentives, easements and planning strategies).

The total cost of the conference is \$30, which includes programs on Friday, Saturday and Sunday (except for the river cruise), a Friday dinner, and Friday and Saturday lunches. The dinner on Friday will feature wild plant salads, game hens, wild rice stuffing, and hazel nut and filbert desserts.

For more information about the conference, the ELC has pamphlets available.

Plymouth automobiles abound on campus for contest

By Shelley Ball
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They will be stationed on the walkway outside Clackamas Community College's Community Center tomorrow morning. All ten of them. Ten brand new Plymouth automobiles.

What sounds like a major case of illegal parking is actually the setting for the Oregon Plymouth AAA Trou-

ble Shooting Contest, which is being held at the College this year.

The event will last from 9 a.m. to noon on May 3, and will feature 20 of the state's best high school automotive repair students competing to see who can find and repair the deliberately placed "bugs" in the cars.

Each of the cars will have between five and eight defective parts that will have been

secretly placed in them before the contest starts. All of the cars will have the same problems, and the students who can find and repair all of the "bugs" in their car in the shortest amount of time will win.

While time is an important element in the competition, College Assistant Dean of Agriculture and Industrial Division George Warren said the key factor to winning is for the students to have all of the defective parts repaired when the cars are examined by the judges.

"The emphasis they (Chrysler/AAA) place on this is excellence," he said. Warren also said that while 60 percent of the students' contest points will come from the hands-on event, the other 40 percent will come from a written exam that each of the students had to take and pass in order to participate in the competition.

This written exam is made up of 50 questions and covers the entire automobile. A maximum of four students will have taken the test in one high school, with the two top scorers participating in the trouble shooting contest.

This year will be the first that the trouble shooting contest has been held since the Chrysler Corporation went into a financial bind during 1979-80. Warren said now that Chrysler is "back on track

again as a manufacturer of U.S. automobiles," it can afford to hold the competition once more.

This year's competition will also be the first where AAA will be co-sponsoring with Chrysler. When asked what he thought about having the contest at the College, Warren said he was proud. "Out of 15 community colleges, they (Chrysler/AAA) chose the College. I'm honored."

Warren also said holding the competition on campus will help to promote the College's automotive department. "We'll (College) get top notch students to come on campus; 20 of the top notch kids (from the state) will be here," he said.

In addition to two students representing the Owen Sabin Occupational Skills Center, two students from each of the following high schools will be competing in the contest: Canby Union, Hidden Valley, Newport, Philomath, Benson, David Douglas, Columbia, Vale Union and South Albany.

Students will be competing in teams of two, with two students to a car. There will be first, second and third place finishes in the trouble shooting contest, and the first of the top three teams will advance to a national hands-on competition in June, which

will be held at the Arlington Stadium in Dallas, Texas.

Although Warren said the chances of getting an automotive job through the contests are very high, he said it has been his experience over the years that there have been more jobs available than takers. "Most of the kids are so sharp, they're already working elsewhere," he said.

But despite this, Warren said he thinks the automotive contest can be a valuable experience for auto-mechanics students.

"This is a test being conducted by the industry, and even if they (students) don't go into mechanics, that degree of excellence carries over into whatever they choose to do. It (contest) helps you set a performance level," he said.

Judges for the trouble shooting contest will consist of College auto-mechanic students and instructors, to technicians and industrial maintenance workers from the Portland branch of the Chrysler Corporation and the AAA, as well as the Oregon Department of Education.

Although only the first-place finishing team will have the honor of advancing to the national competition, Warren said that all participants, including the judges, will receive certificates for being involved in the contest.

Club members honored; low funds ruin recognition

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Tim York and John Gheno from Clackamas Community College's Phi Beta Lambda qualified for the National Leadership Conference.

However, due to lack of funds these students will not be able to participate at nationals, Vice President of PBL, Tim York, said.

On April 12-14, Gheno, York and Tom Jones competed in the PBL State Leadership Conference at the Wilsonville Holiday Inn.

The competition included team and individual events in accounting, business data processing, marketing, economics and business decision making. York placed third in the

marketing event, and Gheno placed third in economics. As a team, York and Gheno placed second in business decision making.

"I learned something that I'll never find in any book—self-worth. I really didn't care that I won an award because I learned what self-satisfaction is," Gheno said.

"Presently there are six members in our PBL chapter. PBL is a national business chapter. It's directly for students involved with business courses," York said.

Mel Hostager is the advisor of PBL, and the officers are: President, Don Beck; Vice President, Tim York; Treasurer, Tom Jones and Secretary, Jodi Stahlnecker.

