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In case of snow...

College sets closure plan

by Heleen Veenstra
Editor

"We will have the commitment to get it on the broadcast by seven o'clock," said Lyle Reese, dean of instruction, talking about the weather closure draft for Winter term.

When the college will close due to bad weather it will be on the broadcast around seven o'clock for the day classes and around three o'clock for the evening classes.

The following stations will broadcast the information. On AM radio it will be KGW, 620; KEX, 1190; KUPL, 1330; KCNR, 1410; KXL, 750; KWJJ, 1080; KMJK, 1290. On FM radio it will be KINK, 101.9; KKRZ, 100.3; KUPL, 98.5; KCNR, 97.1; KXL, 95.5; KMJK, 106.7.

"What you will hear at seven is for the day classes. When we say 'college closed' it will be closed all day until five o'clock," Reese explained.

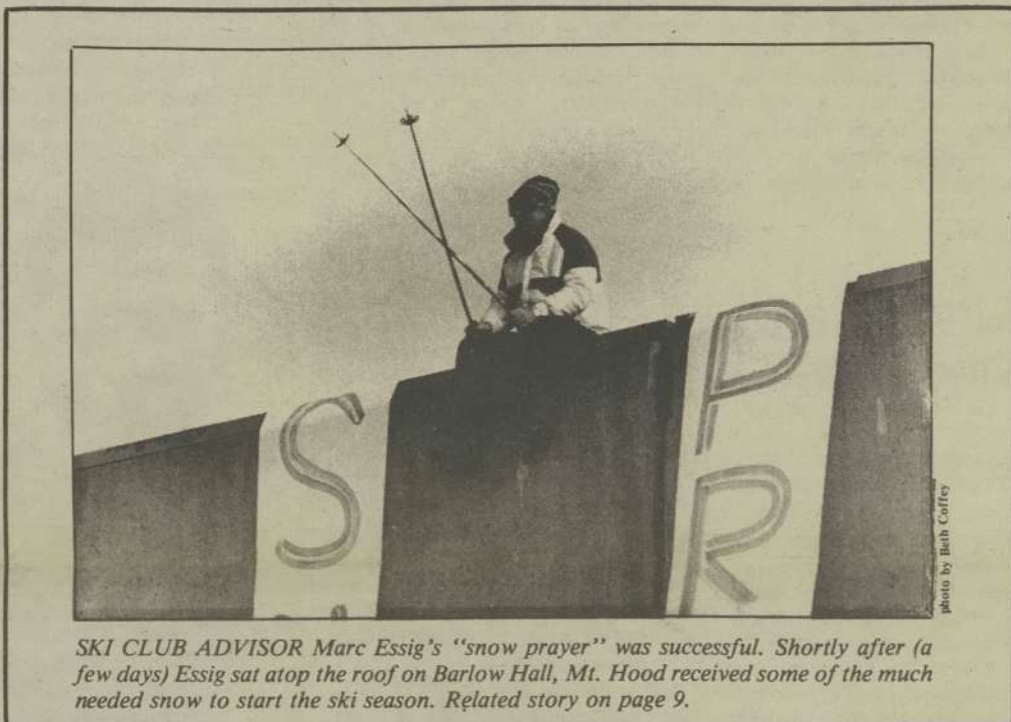
The decision on a late opening will also be made early in the morning. Even if the weather gets worse during the day, the college will stick to that certain late opening time. "Whatever the student hears that will be it for the day."

The late opening hours most likely will be nine or ten o'clock on M/W/F and 9:30 or 11 o'clock on T/Th. Classes before those late opening hours will be cancelled.

In addition to the radio broadcasts, the college will also post signs at both the college entrances. "We have them set up so they will fit over the new brick signs."

Students who commute long distances can get the latest information from the Code-A-Phone (657-8400). They will have the latest news which comes directly from reports from police stations all through the district.

"We have no trouble in making a decision by six when there is six to eight inches of snow," Reese concluded, smiling.



SKI CLUB ADVISOR Marc Essig's "snow prayer" was successful. Shortly after (a few days) Essig sat atop the roof on Barlow Hall, Mt. Hood received some of the much needed snow to start the ski season. Related story on page 9.

Portland State publications in turmoil

Sherri Michaels
News Editor

Controversy surrounds the removal of Portland State University's student newspaper adviser, Jerry Penk.

Penk has been at PSU in both the English and Journalism departments for 23 years. Seven-tenths of those years have been spent advising the Vanguard staff.

"They have not offered an explanation officially or otherwise. They haven't told Jerry (Penk) why he was removed," said Bennett Hall, editor of the Vanguard. According to both Penk and Hall the removal stems from the critical coverage of President Natale Sicuro and his staff. Assistant to the President Chuck Stevens said, "the reasons for the removal are personal. We do not discuss personal reasons."

The critical coverage of the administration has included Sicuro's walking out of Nobel Laureate's speech, the recommendation of former student government president, Michael Erickson "for a student position on the Oregon State Board of Higher Education after having charges filed stating racist conduct by student minority leaders, and the lavish refurbishing of the President's House."

Hall believes "what it comes down to is that Jerry (Penk) is getting the ax because we have

been doing our job. I really feel that we have reason to believe that the President will try to exert control over this newspaper if we don't stop him.

"They have started a search process (for a new adviser). They want to have the new man or woman in here (Vanguard) by Feb. 1, so that Jerry (Penk) can train them for the rest of the year," commented Hall. "It is kind of a short time line. It kind of makes you wonder if they have someone waiting in the wings, though that is only speculation." The time which the administration has allowed for the process is about 2 1/2 months.

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Hall said, "We are assuming that what they want to do is to get someone in here who will be willing to try and exercise control over what we print. That is not possible under the current guidelines."

PSU guidelines under the Publication Board Charter state that freedom of the press to express and debate matters of public interest is essential and

must be guaranteed. Any attempt to dictate or censor content is inimical to this freedom and cannot be allowed and that the editor is solely responsible for the news and editorial content of the paper.

Past actions of President Sicuro at Southern Oregon State College have led Hall to believe this may be a repeat of what he tried to do when he first started there. Sicuro tried to gain some control over the student newspaper there, according to Hall.

Two additional actions that Sicuro has initiated are the review of the Publications

put the whole thing behind us. It is not good for the administration to be at odds with the student publications."

Hall expressed shock over the firing of Penk. "We all feel that Jerry has done an excellent job for a lot of years; we really think that he is getting a raw deal," said Hall.

Food drive starts to aid needy

Sherri Michaels
News Editor

The fifth annual Christmas Food Drive for needy Clackamas students started this past week.

There has been an increase in the need for assistance by students and the community. Many students are unable to make ends meet during the holidays.

The donations of food for the drive will be sent to the Salvation Army. The college works with the Salvation Army, who serves as a clearinghouse to avoid duplications.

If you wish to request assistance fill out a request card at the Library. Clackamas County personnel will deliver food by December 19 to those who have made the request.

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