

Waite exchanges math views

Clackamas Community College has a new math instructor who has exchanged lives with an old one.

Brian Waite is the new math instructor, replacing Harrison Platt. They exchanged jobs, houses, cars and bicycles and are even taking care of each others' cats and goldfish.

Waite is a math professor from Dorset, England, where he has been teaching for 11 years. His wife Sue, daughter Anna, 10, and son Jonathan, 9, are with him on his years exchange. They arrived at Washington D.C. August 19, for a five day orientation. This is their first visit to the U.S. and was arranged by the Central Bureau of Exchange which arranges for about 100 teachers per year to come to the U.S.

The family traveled through New Mexico and Arizona before coming to Oregon, and Waite stated that people there had much more of a drawl, whereas Oregonians are straightforward and easy to communicate with.

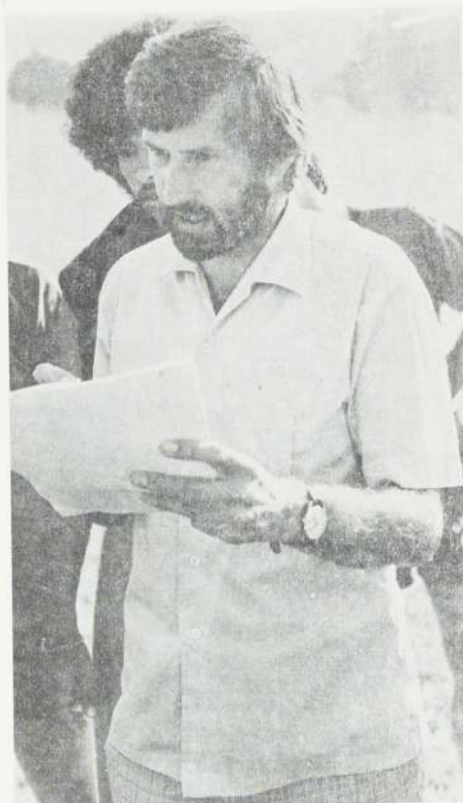
Mr. Waite hasn't had very many difficulties adapting, except that it's hard for him to get used to the great distances between places. He was surprised at the distance between cities, and the large number of big department store "chains". He also remarked

that the roads are wider and faster, but no one seems to walk anywhere.

Mrs. Waite is still in the process of getting things organized at home. Something new for her is the microwave oven. Cat food is the only thing she's attempted to warm up in it so far. Anna has joined the Girl Scouts, and Jonathan keeps himself busy with football and Cub Scouts. At Raleigh Grade School, which the two children attend, this is "Jonathan Week", and the younger Waite will tell about life in England.

Waite said, "American classrooms, and the material covered, is about the same as in England, except for the fact that American students have aids, resource centers, tapes and slides to assist them. In England, students get more personal attention from the teacher but classes are two hours long, and only consist of 14-15 students. To relax, the young people play a lot of skittle in the pubs. This is a game similar to bowling, with nine pins, three balls and the manual set ups."

Waite is also the new soccer coach this year. He said that the team has quite a lot of work to do but hopes to set the basis to have something to build on in years to come. He likes the team's attitude of playing for fun, instead of being totally competitive.



Brian Waite

calendar

Focus on Women	Thursday, October 7 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	CC 117	
ASG meeting	Thursday, October 7 11 a.m.	Fireside Lounge	
"The Man Who Came to Dinner"	Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 8:30 p.m. thru November 6	Portland Civic Theater	Call 226-3048 for reservations
The Preservation Hall Jazz Band	Thursday, October 7, 8 p.m.	Civic Auditorium	Tickets at Lipman's (downtown) and usual outlets
Hall and Oates	Friday, October 8 8 p.m.	The Paramount Theater	\$6 in advance
The National Festival Ballet of Spain	Friday, October 8 8 p.m.	Civic Auditorium	Tickets at Stevens and Son and usual outlets
"The Subject Was Roses"	Friday, October 8 and every Thursday, Friday and Saturday afterwards thru November 20 at 8:30 p.m.	Portland Civic Theater	Call 226-3048 for reservations
"Madame Butterfly"	Sunday, October 10 2:30 p.m.	Civic Auditorium	Tickets on sale at Celebrity Attractions
"East of Eden" Monday Flick	Monday, October 11 11 a.m. and Noon	Fireside Lounge	
"David" Coffee House Concert	Wednesday, October 13 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.	Fireside Lounge	
"Oklahoma"	Wednesday and Thursday October 13 and 14, 8:15 p.m.	Civic Auditorium	Tickets at Celebrity Attractions
ASG meeting	Thursday, October 14 11 a.m.	Fireside Lounge	
"Communications" Brown Bag Movie	Thursday, October 14 Noon	CC 117	
Focus on Women	Thursday, October 14 7 to 10 p.m.	CC 117	
Student Senate Elections	Thursday and Friday October 15 and 16, all day	Student Activities Counter	
"Music Man"	Friday and Saturday, October 15 and 16, 8:15 p.m.	Civic Auditorium	Tickets at Celebrity Attractions
BodyWorks	Saturday, October 16 All day	Duniway Park	
John Prine	Wednesday, October 20, 8 p.m.	Civic Auditorium	Tickets at Lipmans (downtown) and usual outlets

