

Kids go bananas over monkey

# Organ grinder visits drop-in center

A group of children went "bananas" over a monkey named Pizza Pete and an organ grinder who performed at the childrens drop-in center at Clackamas Community College Tuesday, May 3.

Vicki Boki, who has been on the "To Tell the Truth" show, is the world's only woman organ grinder. She works in promotions for the Organ Grinder Pizza Parlor in Portland.

Boki keeps and trains six monkeys in her home. When she first started working for the Organ Grinder Pizza Parlor she agreed to take care of two monkeys. Since that time she has added four more.

"The first six months was really hard," said Boki, "but I read every book I could find on monkeys. When you live with them you learn fast."

Boki performs for senior citizens groups, plays, fairs, carnivals and fund raising activities for charitable organizations.

Boki uses different monkeys for different occasions. Since Pizza Pete gets along with children well she brought him to the drop-in center along with a Hurdy Gurdy which is said to be over one hundred years old.

Pizza Pete is a Capucion Monkey, sometimes called a ring tailed monkey, and he can use his tail as he would his hands to pick up objects. Boki said that Pete was six years old and one child commented that she had a sister about the same age.

Boki explained to the children how the monkey used his hands and how his ears and hands were similar to human ears and hands. She also said that Pete eats fruit, vegetables and sunflower seeds.

One of Pete's tricks was taking sunflower seeds out of the childrens' pockets which produced many smiles and giggles from the children.

Pete also seemed to enjoy himself except when one of the children produced a stuffed animal. For some reason, Pete is afraid of stuffed animals.

Boki asked for a big hug from Pete and one of the children informed her that small monkeys can't give big hugs.

The children all took turns at turning the handle on the Hurdy Gurdy and each of them got to pet the monkey and receive an Organ Grinder pencil.

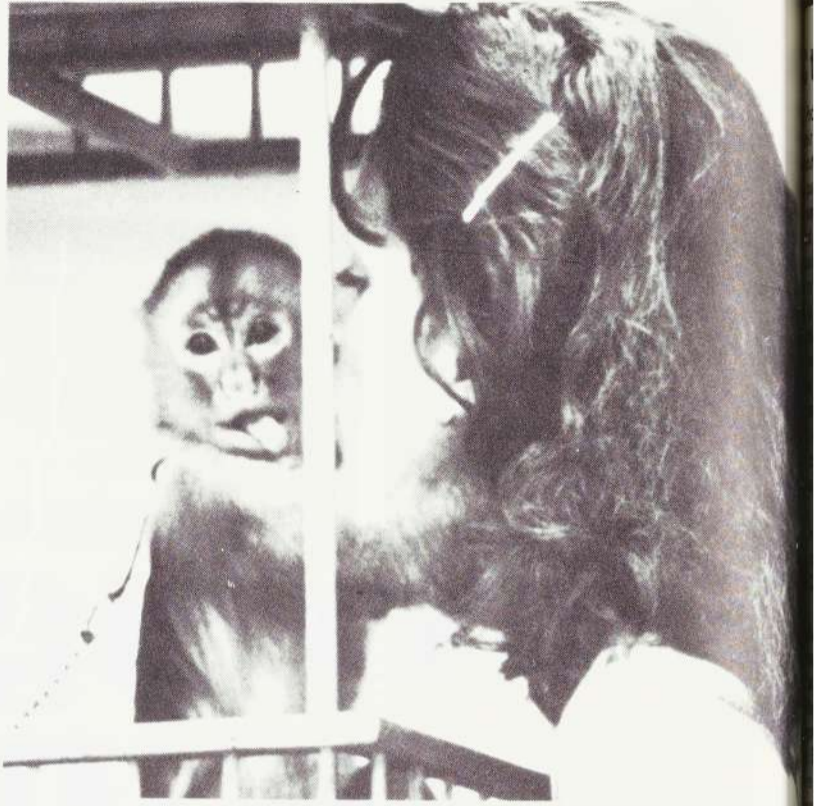


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Pizza Pete gives trainer Vicki Boki the biggest hug a little monkey can during a visit to the child development center at CCC.

## Police jobs open for women

If you were female, 5'11" and weighed 105 pounds soaking wet, could you consider becoming a policewoman? Yes, said Durwood Thomas, department chairperson of police and fire sciences.

"The key for the woman is to be an expert in defense tactics," said Thomas.

A woman using martial arts can easily down a man more than twice her size, according to Thomas.

In the police science classes at Clackamas Community College, about 10 per cent of the students are women. "There are more women enrolled here than ever before," said Thomas.

The women enrolled are interested in different types of police work such as working in correctional institutions and working with juveniles. There is one woman who eventually wishes to be an assistant district attorney. She is taking police science in order to learn about all phases of police work.

Women who have attended the police science program have successfully entered the job market.

Nancy Blumenhagen, the first woman hired in Clackamas County by the City Police Department.

According to Thomas, women not only have to work hard at learning the skills, but also at their mental attitude. "My personal opinion," said Thomas, "is that women will have to be more aggressive in police work you have to be aggressive. I think the women will be as good a man if they train themselves, he said.

While Thomas thinks women would be fine as police officers, as firefighters would be some difficulty. Basically the problem is physical strength. A firefighter has to haul 150-pound bundles of fire equipment. "Would a woman be able to run up the third floor of a burning building and get out an unconscious man?" said Thomas.



Gordon Huiras  
... head of evening security

## CCC law enforcement program pays off

Clackamas Community College's Law Enforcement program paid off for Gordon Huiras. Huiras, 1976 ASG President, is now head security policeman on graveyard shift at CCC.

Huiras needs two more class hours before he receives his law enforcement degree. He has been attending the college for four years and has a general study degree.

Police work keeps Huiras busy. He attended Oregon State Cadet Training last summer and is a reserve officer for the Oregon City Police Department.

"As a reserve we have all the privileges of

a regular cop such as writing tickets. However, we don't get the pay. However, it's worth the experience," said Huiras.

Huiras said he would like to be a police officer rather than an Oregon State Policeman because the city police do "write tickets, investigations, and other things else comes along."

"CCC has a good law enforcement program. They teach a lot of the same things we learned in Oregon State Cadet Training but it's all necessary and important," said Huiras.

