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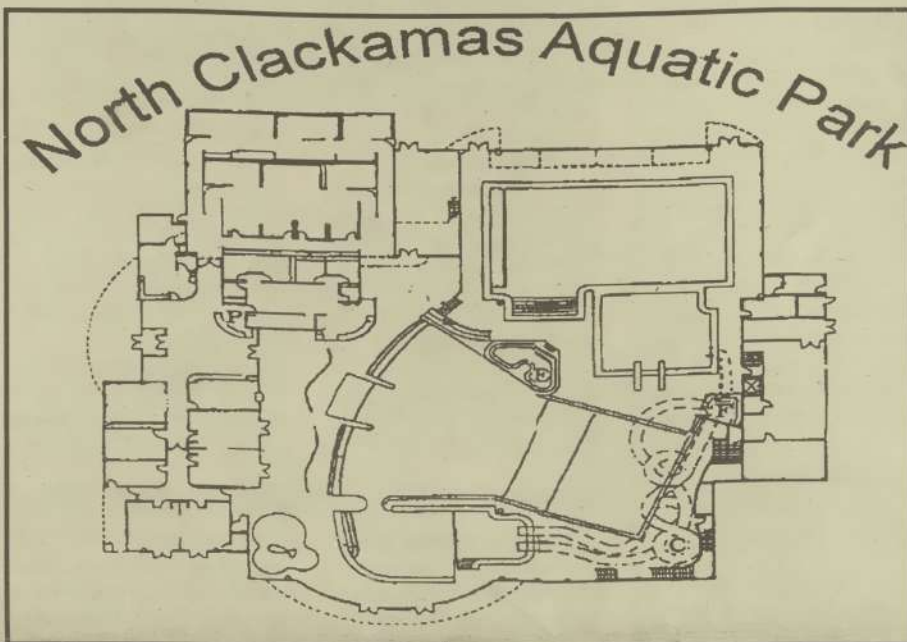
by Russ Jones
The Print Staff

Area water enthusiasts have much to look forward to when the anticipated grand opening for the most advanced aquatic center in the region, the North Clackamas Aquatic Park, takes place on June 1, 1994.

The aquatic center, to be located near the juncture of SE Harmony Road and SE 82nd Avenue, will provide a variety of indoor water activities for individuals and families through a combination of five separate pools, three water slides and four community rooms.

The North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District, which manages the center, was formed by voters in 1990 to provide recreational programs and services in the North Clackamas area. The District is bound by the Willamette River to the west, Gladstone city limits and the Clackamas River to the south, the Urban Growth Boundary (near 145th) to the east and the Happy Valley/Portland city limits to the north.

In addition to the new aquatic center, the District is also developing a regional park, neighborhood parks, sports fields, trails and natural areas, and will sponsor year-round recreational pro-



grams. All facilities and activities will be available, on a split-fee basis, to both residents and non-residents of the District.

The aquatic center, with a construction cost of \$7,266,000, funded solely by revenue bonds and contributions, will provide a year-round, one-of-a-kind, all-enclosed 45,400 sq.ft. facility designed to appease the appetites of the most avid water lovers.

Principle features include

a 186,000 gallon wave/splashdown pool that will simulate natural wave action (the wave pool also includes an attached inter-active play pool for group sports and activities); a 124,000 gallon lap pool; a 13-foot deep, 115,000 gallon diving pool, with two one-meter boards; a 3,000 gallon wading pool and a 7,000 gallon whirlpool.

To accent these pools, the center will also contain three

water slides: a 200-foot open slide, a 167-foot aqua tube and a 20-foot drop slide.

"There's almost no limit to the aquatic services we'll be able to provide. Recreational swimming, water polo, watersliding, swim lessons, scuba lessons, lifeguard training, competitive swimming and diving, lap swimming and exercise classes are included in the summer program offerings, and many other

fun, new activities will be added throughout the year," said Aquatic Park manager Lori Stirn.

In addition, beginning Fall term, Clackamas Community College will be providing five swim-related credit classes as part of the Physical Education Division's curriculum. These classes will cover such diverse uses of the facility as aquatic fitness (water aerobics), beginning swimming, water-fitness instruction and lifeguard training. For information regarding these classes, contact the Health/PE Division at Ext.2291.

Stressing this connection between the aquatic center and the public, Stirn commented, "We have been speaking to many groups throughout the District, and meeting with schools, organizations and businesses to develop a schedule that meets the District's diverse needs for a facility like the Aquatic Park. From infants to seniors, we value everyone's input. The Aquatic Park is an exciting addition to our community, and we want everyone to share in that excitement."

For additional information, contact the North Clackamas Aquatic Park at 650-3483 or 794-8002.

Student awarded with \$30,000 scholarship

by Jocelyn Gauthier
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Months of hard work and suspense have paid off for CCC student Jill Stoffers, who has been awarded a \$30,000 scholarship from the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation.

The Truman Award, established by Congress in 1975, is available to college sophomores and juniors who are involved in public service.

Stoffers, who is majoring in International Relations, is thinking about attending Willamette University, Stanford University or Lewis and Clark College as an undergraduate. She will attend George Washington University, in Washington, D.C., for graduate school. "This has really opened a lot of doors," Stoffers said. "Now I'm definitely going to graduate school."

Stoffers' interest in international relations began as a student at Oregon City High School where, according to Bill Symes from the office of public

information, she was a member of the American Field Service Club and participated in the Model United Nations Conference.

In the summer of 1995, Stoffers will go to Washington, D.C. for a ten-week, paid internship with the government agency of her choice, as part of the



Jill Stoffers, winner of the \$30,000 Truman Scholarship, enjoys Limbourg, Germany with friend Alex.

"Truman Summer Institution." Stoffers, whose first-choice agency is the State Department, said, "I'm really excited about the internship in Washington, D.C." Although she lived in Sheffield, England for seven months, she has never visited Washington, D.C.

Stoffers started applying for the scholarship last November by writing an 800-word essay addressing public policy for the Council of Economic Advisors to the President. The council drew 12 candidates for the scholarship to go to Anaheim, CA to be rigorously interviewed on April 8.

The interviews were conducted by a panel of five, including presidents of colleges and the advisor to the Chief Justice. The purpose of the interviews was to test the students' values, beliefs and convictions; there were no right or wrong answers. "It didn't matter what they were, as long as they were yours," Stoffers said. "They deliberately tried to back you into a corner...no matter what you said, they had a come back."

Of those 12, only three were named Truman Scholars. The other two scholars are Michael Cambell, 24, of Miami, FL, and Miguella Borbes, 38, of Arkansas.

Stoffers describes the day of the interviews as scary, emotional and terrifying. "It was the most intense day of my life," she said. "It was awful...it was so nerve-racking." The candidates, all strangers, supported each other by giving backrubs and talking non-stop. "Everybody was fantastic. It wasn't a competitive environment. Everybody was so supportive.

"We were all thrown in this room together. It was really neat how we all bonded. The ones that were not chosen are in no way losers. They are all going to go far," Stoffers said.

After the interviews, everyone was given a letter notifying them if they received the scholarship. "I didn't believe what it said. Dave Arter was over my shoulder, and when he shrieked, I finally believed what it said. It didn't

seem like I could have won," Stoffers said. "In one way it's all over, and in one way it's just begun."

Stoffers, Borbes and Cambell will go to Independence, MO (Truman's birthplace) for Leadership Week, a public policies writing seminar with Kitty and Michael Dukakis. The awards ceremony will be held at the Truman Library on June 5.

Stoffers expressed surprise at the three of them being selected. "We were all surprised. We're the black sheep of this group...Michael always called us the black sheep. (He's) quiet, but he's got a great sense of humor and he's very thoughtful," Stoffers added that Borbes is "fantastic. She can do anything, and she can make anything."

Although they only spent two days together, the scholars grew very close. "We're looking forward to seeing each other...they're fantastic people, I could learn a lot from them," Stoffers said.