



MHCC Starts Sept. 19

Vocational-Technical Programs Organized

Many courses are planned this fall in the Vocational-Technical Education area, according to Arnie Heuchert, director.

The primary objective of these courses is to prepare an individual for gainful employment in business, industry, and professional career fields, Heuchert said.

"We provide training in three general categories," Heuchert stated. "These are pre-employment, job upgrading and retrain-

ing, and apprenticeship training."

In pre-employment students learn elementary technical information and manipulative skills which permit them to attain entry level in specified job level areas.

In job upgrading persons acquire additional knowledge which will assist them in meeting the qualification requirements for a higher position in their line of work. Retraining, on the other hand, prepares the individual who has worked in a field which is becoming obsolete or has chronic low employment for entry into a new field of work.

The apprenticeship training programs are carried on in cooperation with area trade unions.

All of the vocational-technical education programs which Mt. Hood Community College offers must be approved by the State Board of Vocational Education.

"An example of one of the vocational programs," Heuchert said, "is Industrial Technology."

In this program, a student takes a two-year curriculum in automotive mechanics designed to train him to entry level in this job market. The courses include engines, automobile electrical systems, automatic and manual transmissions, front end alignment, brakes, and differentials.

"The courses are not planned so the student can build hot-

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Experienced Faculty to Teach MHCC Courses

When many new colleges open their doors for the first classes, students and residents of the community are concerned about the quality of instruction that will be given by the new colleges' faculty members.

Fortunately, at Mt. Hood Community College the total faculty have many years of experience.

Taking the 100 years of community college experience previously performed by the 27 members of the instructional staff and dividing by the total number of staff members, we found that the average amount of community college experience per staff member is nearly four years!

This amount of experience does not include many other years of educational experience and training. The four-year figure, when added to the total teaching experience average of all the staff, becomes over seven years. Many of the staff have taught in high schools and other colleges.

This experience factor is quite unusual. Most community colleges start operation with only one or two people with community college experience. Some of the implications of this are, of course, obvious. However, from our point of view and yours, it means that students can expect and will receive high quality instruction from experienced instructors.

Vets School Aid

Veterans of the Viet Nam conflict and certain other ex-servicemen may receive financial aid while attending Mt. Hood Community College, under the new "Cold War" GI Bill.

Persons should contact the Veterans Administration Office in order to determine individual eligibility.

Fairgrounds Campus

Mt. Hood Community College opens its classroom doors to students on September 19.

Most of the classes are to be held on the college's temporary campus in the Multnomah County Fairgrounds. Both college transfer and vocational-technical education courses are available.

Applications for admission to the college are currently being processed at the college's administrative offices at 225 E. Burnside in Gresham. After a student receives

his notice of acceptance to the college, he is scheduled for counseling and pre-registration.

Persons who are considering entering the college as students in September should complete the necessary application forms now in order that they may be assured enrollment in the desired classes.

Mt. Hood Community College will provide both high quality instruction by an experienced community college faculty and a varied student activity program.

Originally the college was scheduled to accept its first students in Fall 1967. However, in order to reduce the administrative costs of development, college personnel established a revised schedule which permits student entrance this Fall.

Application forms and catalogs are available at the college administrative offices. A person may either write for copies or call 665-1131.

For a discussion of Mt. Hood Community College's approach to art and the forthcoming first campus art exhibit, see page 3, col. 1.

Modern System Use Speeds Registration

Mt. Hood Community College will use modern techniques in its registration process in order to reduce the amount of time usually required on the part of students and college personnel, according to Myron Mickey, director, admissions and records.

"The students come to college to learn, not to be routed into long lines which results in the wasting of their time," Mickey said.

A computerized information processing system is being developed which will save the students time and will speed up the registration and scheduling process.

Such a system will also reduce the amount of time college personnel usually must give to this process. "The time saving will allow the college staff to dedicate more individual attention to the student, the very person for which this institution exists," Mickey noted.

Claude Simpson, registrar, Washington State University, has contributed many of the data processing ideas which will be incorporated into the system, Mickey said.

"We are looking forward to having one of the most well organized and effective processing systems in the Pacific Northwest," Mickey stated.

"However, even though we are able to reduce the time spent in the registration process, we suggest that students complete their registration early. It is possible that a large influx of potential students will occur on the last day that registration is scheduled," Mickey pointed out.

"This has happened on occasion at other community colleges. In order to guarantee that you can enroll in the course offerings that you want, you should register for the classes early," Mickey said.



Myron Mickey, director, admissions and records, checks a data processing card which is being key punched against his master list. The use of a computerized system at the college will permit personnel more time for student contact.

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