

People like college revealed in survey

Most citizens of the Mt. Hood Community College District believe the school is doing a good job.

They believe the college fills a need in the community, serves and benefits many people and allows the whole family to use its facilities.

These conclusions were made from a survey conducted by Richard L. Kennedy & Associates of Eugene. Its purpose was one of self examination. College administrators wanted to know if they were fulfilling their purpose as a community college.

The survey was a random sampling by 507 personal interviews with persons living in college district which extends from the city limits of Portland to Cascade Locks and includes Sandy, plus an area further east.

The Kennedy agency claims the survey to have a maximum error of 4.5 per cent.

The trained interviewers learned that 80 per cent of the people are very satisfied with what the college has achieved. Only 6 per cent said they were

not satisfied.

Many of those who were not satisfied were found to be not too familiar with affairs at the college.

There were some who felt the college costs too much money, causes high taxes, and wastes too much money on administration.

Dr. Earl Klapstein, Mt. Hood president, gave the answer to these doubts and others in his talk Monday to members of the Greater Gresham Chamber of Commerce.

He said that when the college was founded seven years ago it was pledged that the property tax levy in the district would range from \$1.50 to \$2.50 per \$1,000 valuation.

The current levy is \$2.23. Next year it will drop \$2.01, Klapstein said.

Local taxes pay for 25 per cent of the cost of operating the college, 46 per cent comes from the state, 20 per cent from students and 2 per cent from federal funds. (For this reason the college accepts only 1 per cent of its students from out of state.)

Klapstein said 5 per cent of

the operating cost is for administration. This is the lowest in the state for community colleges.

Instruction cost takes 65 per cent, operations 14 per cent.

Cost per student costs ranges from \$960 to \$1,110 per year. This is the second lowest in the state for community colleges.

Enrollment in the college for next year is projected at 5,400 (full time equivalent). This figure averages out from the count of many part time students.

The 172-acre campus and its plant represents an investment of \$21 million. Plant cost was \$23.58 per square foot, which Klapstein said was less than costs for many college plants.

He said the campus was 80 per cent complete and would cost another \$6.5 million to complete. This will bring the total investment to \$27.5 million.

Teacher salaries average \$10,750 with a range from \$6,700 to \$16,000 for professors with PhD degrees. These latter are mostly in administration.

There are 150 full time teachers and 300 part time.

Klapstein discouraged any one applying for a teaching job at the college. He said there are 2,500 applications on file with 150 more coming in each week.

Teacher-student ratio is 25-1. The Kennedy survey showed that most people in the district feel close to the college and that it is a "college for the common man."

About 22 per cent of the people interviewed have personally attended classes at the college and approximately one-third are members of households where someone has attended a class.

Eight out of 10 persons in the district have had some kind of contact with the college, seven out of 10 have visited the campus.

Some people were concerned that the college was headed for a four-year status. Administrators say this is not the concept of a community college which puts much emphasis on vocational training.

The ratio now is 38.9 per cent of the students taking transfer course which are acceptable at four-year schools. However, not all intend to go beyond community college.

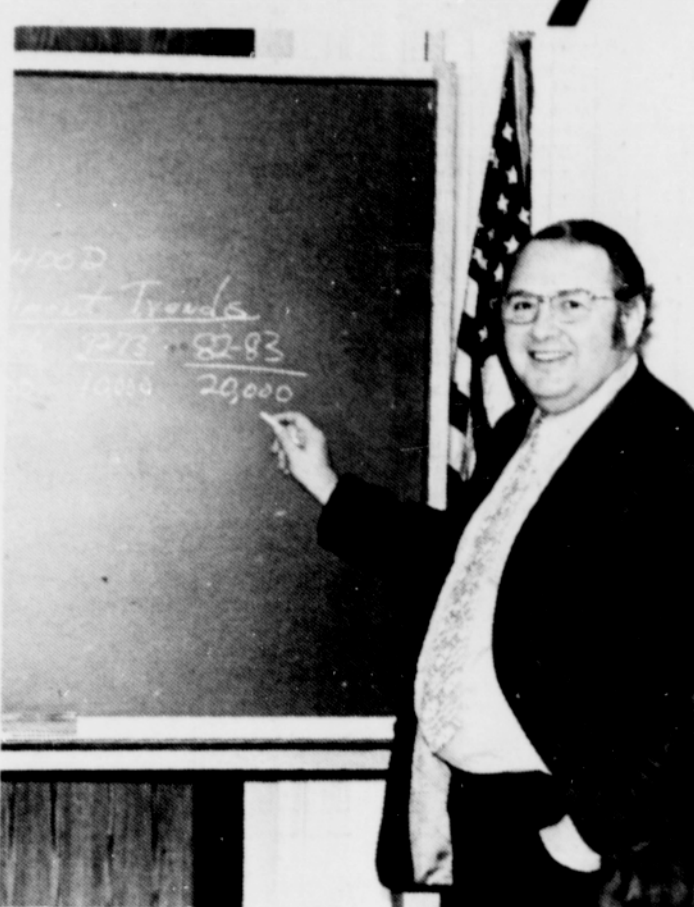
Vo-tech students comprise 40.7 per cent of the student body. The balance are in adult classes or enrichment courses carrying no credits.

The Kennedy survey is only a part of the self analysis being made at the college. There is now a survey being made of former students who graduated or attended at least one year. Their evaluation of the college will be reported in July.

There also is in-plant survey being made by administrators. These surveys are in anticipation of accreditation by the Northwest Association of Secondary and Higher Schools.

Rank upped

Marine Sgt. Charles H. Lynch, husband of the former Miss Karol L. Gage of Boring, was promoted to his present rank while serving at the Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, Calif.



DR. EARL L. KLAPSTEIN, president Mt. Hood Community College, explains trends in growth at college. His figures show that at the present rate the enrollment will be 20,000 by 1982-83. (Photo by Robert P. Dickinson)

OBITUARIES

Rose Burlingame

Rose Ellen Burlingame, 83, of Rt. 2, Box 1643, Sandy, died April 6.

She was born in Coos Bay and attended school there. She moved to The Dalles in 1907 and on Oct. 10, 1908 married John Burlingame in The Dalles.

They moved to Fairview in 1916 and to Sandy in 1965. Her husband preceded her in death in 1959.

Survivors include her daughter, Mrs. Dale (Iris) Dowell of Sandy, and a daughter-in-law, Mrs. Vera Burlingame of Gresham. There are eight grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

Services were Monday, April 10, in the chapel of Carroll Funeral Home, Gresham, with private interment in Douglas Cemetery, Troutdale.

Gloria Crooke

Gloria Jane Gertrude Crooke, 44, of 3335 SE 25th, Portland, died April 6 after a lingering illness of 10 years.

She was born in Detroit, Mich., and moved to Oregon in 1944. She married Elmer D. Crooke in Portland on Dec. 4, 1948. She was a member of the Catholic Church.

Survivors include her husband; four sons, Tom, Donald, Larry and John of Portland, and a daughter, Mrs. Wanda Metzger of Norfolk, Va.; mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Theophilus J. Murray, Fairview; six brothers, Gerald, DeWeyne and Dale Murray of Fairview, Richard Murray of Boring, Warren Murray of Sunnyville, Calif., and Robert Murray of Portland; two sisters, Mrs. Glenn Lewis of Portland, and

Mrs. Robert Rieger of Vancouver, Wash.

Requiem mass was offered Monday, April 10, at St. Henry Catholic Church, Gresham, with interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery. Carroll Funeral Home handled arrangements.

Edith McClure

The funeral for Edith McClure, 95, of 18001 SE Powell Blvd. was held Thursday in the Carroll Funeral Home Chapel, Gresham, with private vault interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery.

Mrs. McClure, died April 10 in a local convalescent hospital. She was born in Otia, Mich., and came to the Gresham area in 1939 after her late husband, John Quinn McClure, retired from the Northern Pacific Railway in Livingston, Mont. She was a member of the Gresham United Methodist Church, and a 50-year member of the Order of Eastern Star in Livingston, Mont.

Survivors include one son, Hugh McClure, of Estacada; one daughter, Mrs. H. (Iretta) Smith of Portland; one nephew, Ellsworth Hoffman of Gresham, who was raised as her son; two nieces; one brother, Elmer Hoffman of Grand Rapids, Mich.; one sister, Myrtle Rolf of Detroit, Mich.; five grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

CITIZENS FORUM

News and Views About Mt. Hood Community College By CHUCK NIEMI Coordinator of College Information

Robert Kirtley's upcoming production of "The Glass Menagerie" (April 20-22) is the first local production of Tennessee Williams' masterpiece in more than five years.

One of the highlights of the show will be the use of authentic records from the 1920's and 1930's.

"The Glass Menagerie" is an autobiographical account of the famed author's life.

Tennessee Williams, two-time winner of the Pulitzer Prize, has been hailed as the greatest living playwright in the western hemisphere.

Dr. William Stewart, MHCC associate dean of student affairs, has been named chairman of the curriculum committee for the evaluation and accreditation of Aloha High School in the Beaverton School District.

Dr. Stewart and other Oregon educators will be at Aloha May 2-5 to conduct their study.

Gary Edelbrock, MHCC counseling director, has been elected state secretary of the American College Testing Program.

Edelbrock will be taking a year's leave from Mt. Hood beginning July 1 to complete work toward a doctorate at Oregon State University. Dr. Stewart will serve as director of counseling in his absence.

College bands join for concert at PSU

The Mt. Hood Community College Stage Band will join counterparts from Portland State University and the University of Portland in a Stage Band Concert at PSU's Smith Memorial Center April 22 at 8 p.m.

The public is invited.

Portland radio station KOIN AM-FM is sponsoring the musical evening. Bill Baldwin, KOIN program director, will produce the show.

Also on the bill is the Mt. Hood Swing Choir directed by Hal Malcolm. They will be joined by a recently-crowned high school swing choir champion.

Director Larry McVey's MHCC Stage Band is recognized regionally and nationally. They captured first place in last spring's Northwest Jazz Festival held in Bremerton, Wash., and were named one of the top six collegiate stage bands in the United States for 1970-71.

Their regional victory won them a trip to the University of Illinois last May for a national jazz festival where they gave the opening performance.

McVey, in addition to directing the stage band, is chairman of the Mt. Hood creative arts division.

Malcolm's Swing Choir is one of the most popular groups around. He is the founder of the

Northwest Vocal Jazz Festival held annually at Mt. Hood. Starting in 1968, it was the first such festival in the country and is scheduled for its fifth renewal May 27 at the college.

Schmidts back from Kansas

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schmidt, Rt. 1 Box 151, Boring, have returned from Kinsley, Kan., where they attended the funeral of Mrs. Schmidt's father, Clarence Craft.

Mrs. Schmidt had been in Kansas for three weeks prior to her father's death staying with her mother, Mrs. Ethel Craft.

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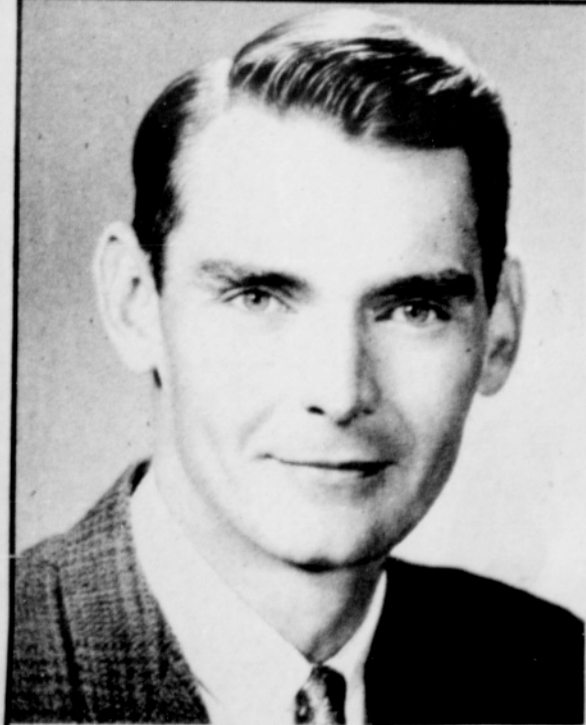
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