

around the county

Commissioner delays phone bill hike

A move by the public utility commissioner will save Sandy phone customers money for a while.

Commissioner John Lobdell has suspended a request by General Telephone Co. of the Northwest (GTNW) for a 23 percent increase in annual revenue.

The six-month suspension

was issued pending an investigation into the reasonableness of GTNW's request. The rate request would produce more than \$24 million in additional revenue for the company based in Everett, Wash.

GTNW's proposal would increase basic one-party residential rates between 97

cents and \$5.05 a month, depending on the area service and the size of the exchange. Local coin call rates would increase from a dime to 25 cents.

Company officials say the increase is needed to improve the company's credit rating, attract capital, and

finance rapid growth of the company and an extended construction program.

As part of the overall increase, GTNW asked for an interim increase of about \$4.4 million in connection with two Federal Communications Commission rulings.



Michael Winter took the plunge Tuesday into the refreshing waters of the Salmon River, near Tawney's Rocks, to escape the heat. Temperatures are expected to cool to the mid-80s by the end of the week. Photo by Michael P. Jones

MHCC plans fall tele-courses

Next quarter, some Mt. Hood Community College students will be able to earn credit without attending regular classes. Seven MHCC classes are being offered on television.

The classes, or "telecourses," being offered this fall are American Government Survey, The Art of Being Human, Contemporary Health Issues, Cosmos, The Shakespeare Plays, Understanding Human Behavior, and Voyage: Career/Life Planning.

They will be broadcast by the Oregon Educational and Public Broadcasting Service on Channel 10.

Most classes carry three credit hours. The only times a student may have to visit campus would be for initial orientation sessions and final exams.

Each class program will be aired twice a week throughout the fall quarter. Students will probe the roots of the American democratic system in American Government Survey. By dramatizing major historical events, visiting the seats of national government, and interviewing top-ranking officials, the series examines the structure of the federal system.

In The Art of Being Human, instructors will discuss love, happiness, idealism, evil, and the nature of beauty in an examination of man's attempts to lead a richer, more productive life in a technological future.

Health in America is the subject of Contemporary

Health Issues. Cosmos, based on the popular public television series of the same name, is a tour of the universe led by author and scientist Dr. Carl Sagan.

William Shakespeare's talent as a playwright — his eloquent and intricate use of the English language, his sense of character, and his finely-tuned sense of theater — will be studied in The Shakespeare Plays.

In Understanding Human Behavior students will learn about the scientific approach to studying human behavior.

Voyage is a course in the process of career and life planning. Instructors will discuss attitudes toward

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CCC battling state cutback in funding

Clackamas Community College stands to lose \$296,542 in anticipated state revenues during the 1981-82 school year, according to John Hakanson, president.

The 7.2 percent cut in state funding is the final figure after the 1981 Legislature restored 2.8 percent of the funds from Gov. Vic Atiyeh's originally-proposed 10 percent cut in community college funds.

Hakanson noted that although the cuts will constitute only 2.5 percent of the college's general fund budget of \$13.2 million, the college will have to make cuts in its operating expenses.

He suggested cuts would likely occur in classes, the Timberlake Job Corp. research and staff development funds and through general belt-tightening throughout the college.

Specific cuts will be discussed over the next few weeks, Hakanson added.

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