

High technology corridor possible in Oregon

The president of Oregon State University has a proposal to speed the state's economic recovery and to put Oregon on a broader and stronger business base in the future.

"We have the potential," says President Robert MacVicar, "to develop a 'high technology corridor' in the Willamette Valley. With our high quality work force, good environment and excellent schools, particularly OSU and the University of Oregon, we can attract and accommodate additional high technology industries such

as Hewlett-Packard and Tektronix.

"The principal basis for this corridor is the presence of good science — in some cases, world-class sciences — in the two universities," MacVicar points out.

The two universities can serve as major assets in Oregon's economic development and recovery, the OSU leader added.

Universities of excellence enhance the development of a state and region by serving as intellectual-research resources and by produc-

ing hundreds of highly-skilled graduates sought by high technology industries.

New business can be attracted to the area and ideas for new businesses come from the "spin off phenomenon" produced by professors constantly searching for new and better things and ways.

A Corvallis engineering organization that has become world known, CH2M Hill, was the brainchild of some OSU engineering professors who

launched it as a part-time and summer enterprise, MacVicar noted.

There are several reasons for the impressive impact of universities, according to MacVicar:

"They cultivate the 'best and brightest' of the young minds that generate the ideas that are the principal driving force of high technology industry.

"They are the source of a flood of new research and development data — much of it of value and available

quickly by the advantage of close liaison with the researchers and their graduate students."

"The faculty itself is a major asset — as consultants, advisers or just as the creators of an environment of intellectual excitement that supports creativity in the research and development component of the industrial sector.

"The resources of the research university — its superior library, unusual technical equipment, research reactors, etc. are also valuable assets in the

community.

"Finally, and very importantly, the presence of the cultural and intellectual influences of the university is important to the type of environment that attracts and retains bright people as employees.

"Oregon faces a significant adjustment in its economic life as it reluctantly and belatedly becoming aware of that reality," MacVicar believes.

"The natural resource-based industries of forestry, agriculture,

fisheries and tourism will continue to be important but the outlook for all is less favorable than we would like," he continued.

"And that," says MacVicar, "is what is behind the proposal of a high technology corridor in the Valley. I believe OSU can be particularly helpful not only by virtue of our fine reputation in engineering but in the bio-technology area, the strengths in biology, agriculture and forestry.

"We would also like to see more of the capable people we educate in our back yard too," he added.

"Certainly, there is no

reason for rivalry between OSU and OU in placing their resources behind the efforts of Oregon to diversify its industrial base," MacVicar noted.

"The universities should be focal points in community efforts to attract industries from outside the region," MacVicar continued. Faculty and administrators can often be effective communicators of the excellence that may not be widely recognized.

And even presidents can — and in MacVicar's case, will — serve as "ambassadors" in Oregon's search for a broader economic base.

Ryan Stoneburg born

Joe and Donna Stoneburg announced the birth of a son, Ryan Matthew, on Feb. 8.

The Stoneburgs live in Coos Bay. Stoneburg is the former Miss Salsbury. She taught third grade for five years at Firwood School.

She has taught for the last five years at Coos Bay.

Grandmothers are Alice Salsbury Putnam and Margaret Stoneburg, both of Oakridge, Ore.

Ryan Matthew was six pounds, nine ounces at birth. He was 19 and a half inches long.

Greyhound rates up

Public Utility Commissioner John Lobdell has authorized Greyhound Lines to increase passenger fares and package delivery charges for its Oregon operations.

Passenger fares and package rates will increase by 15 percent; charter rates will increase by approximately 19 percent. The new rates took effect

Feb. 1.

Greyhound requested the increase in November. At the same time, the company withdrew a proposal filed in September to reduce service to several Oregon communities.

The PUC conducted a public hearing in January on the request to increase fares. No one appeared in opposition to the new fares.

Kore Lais welcomed

Gerry Lais and Evelyn Peasley-Lais of Molalla announced the birth Jan. 25 of a son, Kore Kendall Lais.

He was born at home and weighed six pounds, 12 ounces and was 19 and a half inches long.

He joins a brother, Amos,

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Grandparents are Darrell and Margo Dempster, Sandy, and Art and Ethel Lais, Peoria, Ill.

Great grandparents are Mrs. Frances Sanders, Blackfoot, Idaho, and Mr. and Mrs. J. Kore Zook, Hesston, Kan.

Grant to help needy children

Kids in Clackamas County who need a little extra material help to succeed in school are getting that help through a grant from the Robert Brady Charitable Trust.

The grant money for Clackamas County is being administered by Clackamas Education Service District (ESD).

According to ESD Superintendent Bob Burns, the ESD recently received \$1,500 from the trust which was established in 1920 by Portland businessman Robert Brady.

During the first month

the ESD has dispersed money from the grant, students from Molalla, Oak Grove, Estacada, Milwaukie and Clackamas have received help from the fund.

Most of the assistance has been in the form of clothing, shoes, glasses and hearing aids. Referrals are made from county school districts to the ESD through Jack Kirk, the ESD attendance officer.

The grant was awarded to Clackamas ESD by the U.S. National Bank, which is the trust administrator for the Robert Brady Charitable Trust Fund.

Group succeeds with membership drive

A membership drive by the Mountain Music Society, held on Valentine's Day at the Mt. Hood Women's Club, increased membership to 127.

The Mountain Music Society sponsors concerts featuring northwest folk and classical musicians.

Sunday 125 persons attended the society's Linda Waterfall concert. The Seattle-based musician has recorded three albums, which features some of her own songs.

The society has scheduled three more concerts. In March, John Doan will be presented in a "house" concert.

Doan, who performs his own compositions as well as a variety of traditional music, plays seven instruments.

He has mastered such instruments as the century-old harp-guitar, the

tremblelin, the classical banjo, and the hammered dulcimer. He also plays classical guitar, the lute and the vihuela.

In April recording artists Evo and Gemmy Bluestein will be featured in concert playing mandolin and fiddle.

The Fresno-based husband and wife duo have recorded several albums, and play an old-time style of music. The concert will be held at the Women's Club.

One of the founding members of the Mountain Music Society, Kenna Jones, a classical violinist, will perform in May. She will be featured with a pianist in a house concert.

Jones, who lives in Wenatchee, has been a featured performer at the Peter Britt Music Festival in Southern Oregon.

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