

Education News

PSU opera workshop

An opera workshop that began winter term under the direction of Edward Schick, former director of the Pacific Opera Theater in Long Beach, California, will be offered Monday and Tuesday evenings beginning March 29, at Portland State University through the Division of Continuing Education.

Registration for the two-credit workshop opens March 15 in the lobby of South Park Hall at the Registrar's Office.

Anyone with a voice of potential operatic range and pianists who are interested in working with the comprehensive range of musical styles offered by opera are eligible for the course, according to Director Shick.

The first major project of the course will be Mozart's "Così fan tutte" to be presented May

19-22, through the cooperation of the PSU music and theater arts departments.

Other work projects will include Mozart's "Nozze di Figaro," Bizet's "Carmen," Verdi's "La Traviata," and "Il Trovatore" as well as contemporary works.

From the workshop in about a year, Schick hopes to evolve a producing opera theater for low-budget operations.

After 14 years professional experience in New York preparing operatic and concert repertoire for leading singers of the Metropolitan Opera Association and New York City Opera as well as Broadway musical stars, Schick moved to Southern Calif. five years ago. Last summer he directed an opera workshop at Lewis and Clark College and stayed on in Portland.

TREE HOUSE CLUB

Imaginative . . . Sparkling . . . Child-appealing, were the descriptive phrases used recently by a television critic after viewing "The Treehouse Club." This brand new children's television program will be aired this fall over select stations. The fifty-two week series had been prepared in cooperation with the staff of Child Evangelism Fellowship Inc., a Michigan based world-wide children's ministry. Over 100 people in the field of religious education, child development, film making and art have participated in the programming and production. Mr. Alan George of the Fellowship's staff is coordinator and director of the series. The program will be aired Saturday morning. It has been estimated that 20 million children eleven years of age and under watch television for 5.3 hours each Saturday alone. The program promises to be one of the undisputed hits among the children's new fall series.

Here is a program that is really special: with engaging puppets brilliant use of color . . . complex and imaginative drawings . . . music that appeals . . . and sprinkled with charm and laughter. Although . . . religiously orientated, the program is neither dogmatic nor offensive. It is educational and entertaining and can hold its own with any of the Saturday morning cartoons.

"Television is no longer a pure entertainment vehicle but has become an indoctrination tool," say Dr. Frank R. Mann, executive director of Child Evangelism Fellowship Inc. "The church cannot sit idly by. We must not lose our youngsters by default. The job must be done and we look to thousands of church leaders and concerned laymen to stand with us during these days of program and production."

With more than 60 million boys and girls under the age of 14 yrs. "The Tree house Club" can be a motivating factor for character building and spiritual training of today's child.

For information on "The Treehouse Club" write to Dr. Frank R. Mann, Executive Director, P. O. Box 1156, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49501.

PCC offers

Know what a "googol" is? How about explaining the "Klein bottle" phenomenon? Have you ever met Zeno's Paradox?

Most math-haters will never make it with questions like that . . . and each one is missing a great deal of fun with figures, and some very practical understandings and skills which can help in any profession or business.

That's why Portland Community College is offering a new course called "An Appreciation of Mathematics for the Interested Non-Mathematician" in Spring term.

Meeting once a week from 6 til 8 p.m. on Thursday evenings, beginning April 1, the course will be designed for persons with an inquiring mind who may not have been exposed to much mathematics. Participants will be encouraged and aided to delve into areas of mathematics about which they may have heard but in which they have no experience, such as logic, topology, and statistics.

The teaching methods will promote and support individual study, exploration and inquiry.

PCC Math instructor Derek Down is in charge of the new course, assisted by instructors Bobby Finnell, and Troy Downey.

Further information can be obtained by calling Mr. Down at 244-6111, Ext. 336.

Service news

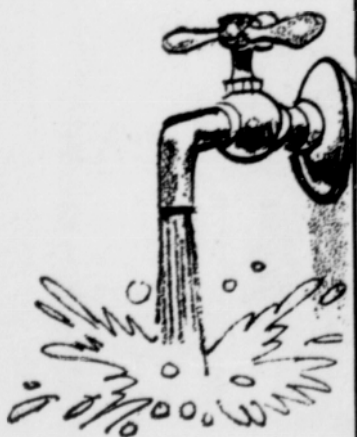
The teachers and social work aides have been delivering dental forms to the parents of those youngsters eligible for free dental care. If you still have questions about how to use the dental form, you may call Mrs. Brown, Social Worker, 284-2412.

The Social Work Aides are taking youngsters to their dentists when parents request help with transportation. Transportation was provided for one week for a youngster whose mother was unable to do so. We are able to help with transportation on a temporary basis where needed.

Mrs. Edwards, Social Work Aide and Parent Coordinator, has worked very diligently coordinating the transportation of parents to classes in physical fitness, swimming, First Aid, and knitting. Mrs. Thomas, another Social Work Aide, was able to get mother helpers at the clinics for physical examinations and immunizations. Mrs. Thomas had a serious fall while on the job and is recuperating slowly at home.

Mrs. Chase, Social Work Aide for Centers 1, 4, and 7, has worked overtime transporting both her centers and Mrs. Thomas' center to and from clinic, classes, etc.

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