

Education News

Parents & teenagers communication Work shop

A new approach to the problem of communication between parents and teenagers has been introduced at Lincoln and Madison High Schools.

Labeled "Project Intercom" the area-wide program attempts to reach both parents and students by offering help with problems too sensitive to be discussed at home.

It is not limited to students and parents at the two designated schools.

Three of five sponsoring social agencies provide staff for the weekly group discussions which will be separate for parents and students.

Students nights are conducted by social workers from the Outside-In Clinic and persons attached to youth problems; parents nights, by social workers from the Family Counseling Service and Jewish Family and Child Service.

Other sponsors are Lutheran Family Service and Catholic Family Services as well as the Portland Public School Board, which is providing the facilities.

For flexibility, student nights are Wednesdays at Lincoln High School and Thursday at Madison High School.

Parent nights are Wednesday at Madison and Thursday at Lincoln.

Sessions begin at 7 p.m. The program will continue throughout the school year.

Project Intercom uses the "drop-in center" concept to pro-

vide students and parents with a

place where personal problems or social issues of a sensitive nature can be freely discussed with professionals, according to Lewis Curtis, project coordinator and an Associate Professor of Social Work at Portland State University.

The focus of the Intercom centers is not to provide a "treatment"

The emphasis, rather, is on education and, if necessary, referral for treatment to existing community resources.

"It is the project's hope," says Mr. Curtis, "that... the students will become aware of alternative ways of handling stressful or unpleasant situations that may seem overwhelming with their current knowledge."

The project is being directed by an executive board which will determine future planning, subject to the approval of the Portland Public School administration.

Board members are Paul G. Cook, Family Counseling Service board member; Mr. Curtis, Dr. Milton Field, director of special services for the public schools; Mrs. Martin Mueller, Lutheran Family Service Board; Dr. Beatrice Rose, Family Counseling Service Board; and Mrs. Alan Rosenfeld and Mrs. Marvin Tonkin, both board members of the Jewish Family and Child Service; and Mrs. Harvey Krieger, Catholic Family Service Board.

for parents

A workshop to help parents recognize creativity in pre-school children and present the child with creative experiences will be held at Portland Community College on Saturday, Apr. 3.

Co-sponsored by PCC and Parent Cooperative Preschools of Oregon, the workshop will present experiences to explore creativity in wood working, puppetry, dance, music, science, and art.

Ed Adamy of Catlin Gabel School will conduct the sessions on woodworking; Sally Skelding, freelance puppeteer associated with Friendly House, those on puppetry. Pat Emel, of the Community Music Center and Hillside Dance Theater, will demonstrate in the area of dance, and Jean Taggart, of the Alberta Kerr Day School and the Oregon Symphony, in the area of music. Lorraine Sabo, Head-Start art educator, will handle the art experiences.

Sessions will run from 9 til 12:30 p.m. at the Mt. Sylvania campus, in Room ST A7.

Mrs. Commery Warrell of PCC's Community Education division is assisting in coordination of the workshop.

Rafferty in Alabama

The controversial California educator, Dr. Max Rafferty, has become dean of the newly established School of Education at Troy State University in Alabama. Rafferty, in his bid for a third term as California school superintendent, was beaten by his deputy, Wilson Riles, who became the first Negro to hold statewide office there. In a newspaper interview, Rafferty said that Troy

President R. Adams "has asked me to accept as many speaking engagements as I can. I will serve as an interpreter of the educational philosophy of Troy State." On school desegregation, Rafferty said the racial composition of a school is unimportant, and that the quality of teachers and programs and the philosophy of the school is what matters.

PSU student careers

A Career Day for high school and college students throughout the state interested in learning about the job opportunities available in the field of Special Education will be held Saturday, April 3, in the Smith Center Ballroom at Portland State University.

Special speakers will include Dr. Vance Hall from the Bureau of Child Research in Kansas City, who will speak at 9:30 a.m. on "Managing Behavior of Special Education Pupils," and Miss Oregon, Cynthia Lynn Harrison, who will speak at the noon luncheon.

Demonstrations, exhibits and slide presentations are scheduled for the afternoon to inform participants of the various educational services required for children who have special needs: the blind, mentally retarded, speech or hearing impaired, emotionally disturbed, physically handicapped, multi-handicapped or those with learning disabilities.

Teachers, counselors and principals also are expected to attend Career Day, which attracted over 500 participants when it was last held two years ago.

The one-day conference is being co-sponsored by the Council for Exceptional Children student chapters of Oregon College of Education, the University of Oregon and Portland State University.

Running concurrently with Career Day activities is the GEC spring meeting, which features an afternoon tour of the University of Oregon Medical School's new Child Development and Rehabilitation Center.

No preregistration is necessary for Career Day attendance.

However, reservations for the noon luncheon should be made with Jean Edwards in the PSU Office of Special Education 229-4632.

St. Philip's Cooperative Pre-School open house


The St. Philip's Cooperative Pre-School, 120 N.E. Knott Street at Rodney Ave., will hold its 6th Annual Open House on Wednesday, April 7th from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

The Open House is held for parents or guardians of three and four year old children who have an interest in Pre-School.

The criteria and history of the school will be available through brochures which will be passed out at the Open House.

However, if you cannot attend the Open House and you are interested in more information about the school, please call Mrs. Georgia Newton, 282-5195, in the evenings.

We invite you to come and bring the kiddies along too.



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