

Black Caucus initiates program

The 13 member Congressional Black Caucus and Oberlin College have initiated a joint program for increasing minority group admissions to the Ohio college. The program is the first of its type in the nation.

Members of the Black Caucus will nominate between 10 and 15 students from their district and Oberlin will admit at least four of those nominated by each Congressman. Oberlin will provide financial assistance to those in need.

One of the objectives of the program is to alert potential students to the opportunities of a higher education and to provide a mechanism for gaining admission. The nominees must be a member of a group that is substantially educationally disadvantaged and racially or culturally removed from the "mainstream" such as blacks, Puerto Ricans, Chicanos, Indians and Appalachian Whites.

The program is part of an effort to increase the enrollment of Blacks at Oberlin. The college has an established

policy of increasing minority students, faculty and staff to at least the percentage equal to national population levels.

Representative Louis Stokes (Dem. - Ohio) said Oberlin is one of the finest educational institutions in the country and has a long history of assisting blacks and other minority groups. Dr. Robert Fuller, President of Oberlin College, said the program "is an effort on our part to improve our visibility in the black community and to make known our real commitment to double our black minority enrollment. . . . It is not so much we are favoring blacks over whites as that we are ending the favoritism shown for whites."

Oberlin College, located in the city of Oberlin, Ohio, was founded in 1883 and has an enrollment of 2600 students, of which 7% are black. It was the first college in the country to adopt a policy against racial discrimination in enrollment, accepting blacks students in 1884. It was also the nation's first coeducational college.

Bridge use increases

Portland's Willamette River bridges carry an average of 52,000 more cars a day than they did five years ago, City Commissioner Lloyd Anderson reported today.

But the 15 percent increase in daily cross-river traffic was more than absorbed by the Marquam Bridge, which was opened in late 1966. The multi-lane Interstate 5 Bridge carries 84,058 of the total of 365,458 cars a day.

In fact, Anderson said, the Traffic Engineering Bureau's counts show two of the bridges are carrying fewer cars than five years ago. The Broadway, with a daily average of 39,515 cars, is down more than 6,000 and the Hawthorne, at 29,764 is off almost 6,000.

Second busiest bridge, as many motorists can testify, is the Ross Island which carries a daily average of 48,041, up 5,500. Also rating among the busiest is the two-lane Sellwood which at 21,534, is carrying 6,000 more cars a day than five years ago.

Relief for the congested Marquam Bridge will come with the opening of the new Fremont Bridge next year. Construction of the Mt. Hood Freeway will ease the load on the busy Ross Island Bridge, Anderson noted. Reduction of the overloading on the Sellwood Bridge will require construction either adding to its capacity or building a proposed new bridge at Lake Oswego. Neither is in sight at this point.



The "Shades of Brown", led by Ken Berry at the organ, provide music for students dance following the Sickle Cell Anemia clinic at Adams High School.



Adams S.C.A. Clinic (Cont. from p.1)

These groups included parents, school staff, students, the Red Cross, Fred Hampton Memorial Health Clinic, Pacific Northwest Bell, Multnomah County Public Health Department, and the Albina Ministerial Alliance. A dance featuring the music of "The Shades of Brown" followed the clinic. Admission was free to all students who were tested.

For further information on the Black Athletes Foundation activities in connection with Sickle Cell Anemia, write to BFA - c/o Horace Davis 1312 Grant Building, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Pan Am seeks blacks

St. Paul, Minnesota-born, Flak-educated Alice K. Brown has taken on a new assignment in addition to being a stewardess for Pan American World Airways. The attractive Black stewardess is one of a nationwide team of Pan Am recruiters who are looking for 100 eligible stewardess applicants from the Black and Puerto Rican minorities.

Pan Am has committed itself to hire this number to join the ranks of the some 5,000 young ladies of many nationalities serving passengers aboard the airline's worldwide system. Alice and the recruiting team have been recruiting since September and have seen thousands of applicants. The have selected 50 from the thousands and are still looking for the other 50 who will start stewardess training at Pan Am's Training and Development Center in Miami early next year. The group tours colleges, Urban League, NAACP and Pan Am offices nationwide.

"Trying to get applicants from minority groups is a special problem," says Alice, who started flying for Pan Am about a year ago. "Girls with college backgrounds are prone to go into teaching and

other professions and never give airline work real consideration as a career."

"Myths are the greatest obstacles in stewardess recruitment," says Alice and this is true with minority recruitment too. "Everyone would like to think that this type of work is a pushover. Well, being a stewardess is hard work, but it is very rewarding to a person who likes to meet people and who likes to travel. These are the two most important qualifications for a stewardess applicant," she said.

The other qualifications which applicants must meet are minimum age of 20; height of 5'3" to 5'10"; weight from 105 to 145 pounds and a high school diploma.

Alice, who has traveled everywhere in the world except to the Far East, claims that many serious minority applicants sometime question if there is any value to their community in being a stewardess. To this she usually answers that one of the best values is presenting a good image and destroying stereotyped ideas. "As for myself, I think that the job is personally broadening and helps one gain greater insight into other people."

Commencement billed

Portland State University will conduct its first fall term commencement at 8 p.m. Friday (December 17) in the Ballroom of Smith Memorial Center.

The University began holding informal, end-of-term commencements following the close of the quarter last winter because of the large number of graduates and their need to have diplomas when seeking employment. The traditional formal convocation is held at the end of spring term.

The fall term graduation list contains the names of 392 candidates for baccalaureate degrees and 132 for masters degrees, or a total of 524.

Commencement speaker

Forestry center features Christmas

Thirty-six different natural Christmas trees, of varying species and with different styles of decoration, are on display at the Western Forestry Center on Canyon Road for the duration of the 1971 holiday season.

The trees were supplied by the Northwest Tree Growers Association and were decorated by members of the Willamette Arrangers' Guild. "The Guild has used a great deal of ingenuity and artistic talent in decorating the trees," according to Ernest L. Kolbe, Forestry Center director. "And, of course," he added, "the arrangers had only the best of the cultured and natural trees with which to work."

The display brought from the Center's Talking Tree some pointers on care and preservation of Christmas trees, according to Kolbe. "If you want to keep your natural cut Christmas tree for a longer period during the holidays, the most important rule is to keep the base of the tree immersed in water before and during its display in the home," advised the Talking Tree. Water, drawn up through the tree trunk, will prevent needles from drying and dropping.

The first thing to do is to cut an inch or more off the butt of the tree, before the tree is brought inside and put on its stand. This cut removes a section of the trunk that would block water absorption. A Christmas tree may "drink anywhere from a pint to a gallon of water each day, depending upon its size and condition. Therefore, water in the stand reservoir should be checked daily to maintain the tree's freshness and woody aroma.

The Talking Tree also advises that natural Christmas trees be kept away from heat sources, such as furnace outlets, high wattage light bulbs and television sets. The lights should be turned off at bedtime and when the family is away.

Western Forestry Center is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wed. thru Sun.

Brown Anti-Dope movement

Georgia Legislator Julian Bond announced the formation of the H. Rap Brown Anti-Dope Movement to get narcotics out of the black community. The first step, Bond said, will be "moral persuasion" but "failing that, more deliberate and aggressive actions will be taken."

The movement, composed of various black organizations

and citizens, will have "not only its own surveillance, but its own tribunal and its own punishment". The program is not aimed at rehabilitation of addicts but at elimination of distributors of narcotics. Bond said, "Dope has reached epidemic proportions and can be easily procured in Harlem, the Mississippi Delta, Watts and other places where black people live. "Our youth has been systematically weakened, demoralized and murdered by a poison which, as of yet, the government has not will not suppress."

Teacher Exams set Minority-owned bank opens

Registration deadline for persons planning to take the national teacher examinations at Portland State University is January 6, according to Mrs. Jean Edwards, assistant professor in special education at PSU.

Date for the examinations is January 29. Eligible to take the tests are college seniors preparing to teach and teachers applying for positions in school systems which encourage or require applicants to submit their scores on national teacher exams.

Memorial Center or directly from the National Teacher Examinations, Educational Testing Service, Box 911, Princeton, New Jersey, 08540. All registrations must be submitted to Educational Testing Service, January 6, Mrs. Edwards announced today.

Bulletins of information describing registration procedures and containing registration forms may be obtained from the special education office, Room 304, Smith Hall.

First Enterprise Bank, Northern California, first minority-oriented community-owned bank, is now organizing in Oakland. Stock is being sold at \$20 a share and so far over \$550,000 of the \$1,250,000 total capitalization has been raised. There are now over 780 shareholders.

Members of the New Oakland Committee have undertaken to purchase \$100,000 in capital stock and to pledge \$100,000 in deposits. The new Oakland Committee is patterned after urban coalitions and is composed of leaders from business, labor and ethnic minorities.

Organizers of the bank are headed by Lloyd A. Edwards, a black businessman who is board chairman, and Robert W. Steiner, Jr., Caucasian, President.

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Holiday seasons may bring joy

"I cried because I had no shoes until I saw a man who had no feet."

This quotation from an old proverb so aptly expresses what the following article says.

"Mr., Mr.," the girl called after the man as he limped away with his head down.

"Mr.," again she called, "Mrs. Jones would like to talk with you."

The man turned and limped back into the building.

"Won't you have a seat sir?" Mrs. Jones asked, pointing to a chair. The man sat down with his cane between his knees.

"What's your name sir?" came the crisp pleasant voice of the interviewer. The man gave his name and address. Then Mrs. Jones asked in the same crisp efficient voice,

"What is your problem, sir?" "Well ma'am, I need some clothing."

"You mean that's all the clothing you have?"

"Oh no," spoke the man nervously, "I have a change or something like that."

"Do you have a top coat?"

"Oh yes."

"Then, as I see it, your problem is not exactly one of needing clothing. Are you employed?"

"No."

"Do you have a place to live?"

"Yes, I have an apartment."

By this time the interviewer was beginning to get a very negative picture of her client. As she looked at him, she thought, he appears to be healthy - he hasn't been drinking. Well, she thought, might as well find out once and for all. So in that same crisp efficient manner, she asked, "How long has it been, sir, since you worked?"

"Well, since I had the accident."

"Un huh and when was that?"

"In 1965."

"Wouldn't you like to get a job or something?"

"Well, if I could find something I could do."

"What do you mean - that you can do? What kind of accident was it?" Mrs. Jones was showing some signs of impatience again.

"Well-er uh, you see it was on the railroad."

"Oh! you worked on the railroad?"

"No, I was trying to get on a train."

"You mean hop a freight?"

"Yes."

The interviewer then looked at the tear in the man's right trouser leg, "You lost a leg in the accident?"

"No Ma'am, I lost two legs."

Mrs. Jones looked at the tear in the trouser leg which extended from the knee to the cuff. Yes, she could see for sure that the leg was cork.

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Orientation Set at PSU

All new students entering Portland State University winter term may register for classes and attend an orientation session Monday, January 3 in rooms 290-292 in the Smith Memorial Center.

No appointments are required. New students can attend the program anytime between 8:30 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

Student and faculty advisors will be available on campus to answer questions on registration procedures, course schedules and student services as well as provide general information.

New students may be freshmen, transfers or anyone entering PSU for the first time.

Further orientation details may be obtained by calling the Orientation Board, 229-4422.

Transportation center (Cont. from p.1 col.7)

viding training facilities for students in electronic servicing. Students working five hours each day in an actual repair shop situation. They work individually with customers from the time the job is received until the customer picks up the completed work. More than 30 students are enrolled in radio-ty repair this term. At the completion of the one-year course a certificate of achievement is awarded.

Cascade Transportation Center is part of PCC's new Cascade Center in North Portland which also includes facilities at 705 N. Killingsworth and Portland International Airport. For more information on programs at PCC, Cascade, phone 283-2541.

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