



Arno De Bernardis, Portland Community College president, and George Scott, machine Technology instructor, discuss new Tektronix 1701 Machine Control Unit installed recently at PCC. The machine will give PCC Machine Technology students work experience with the newest equipment in the field.

PCC adds computer

One of the newest developments of the computer industry has been added to the Machine Technology program at Portland Community College. A Tektronix 1701 Machine Control Unit has been installed to give PCC students working experience with a Numerical Control Machine which, according to George Scott, Machinist instructor, is a growing industry and one very

likely to out date the man-operated machines because of its efficiency and accuracy. The Machine Control Unit reads tape punched with mechanical commands and decodes the commands into electrical impulses which tell the drive motor when to move, how far, how fast, and when to stop. Once the punched tape is perfected, exact duplication can be made; human error is eliminated.

A cathode ray display tube pictures the form the machine is making while it's being made. The tape punched with the machine commands is created by a programmatic flexewriter which looks very much like a typewriter. In industry, a computer is used to calculate the machine's cutter path, but PCC students will do the calculations by hand.

McCloskey hits Government secrecy

Representative Paul N. McCloskey (Rep.-Calif.) who first announced his campaign for the presidency would be based on the issue of the war in Vietnam, said he will make the issue of government secrecy a key campaign issue. "I suppose that the biggest thing that has hit me from being in Congress for four years is the increasing secrecy, the deception, the concealment of fact by the government of the United States."

He criticized the following specific incidents:

- A Health, Education and Welfare Department memo in which an assistant secretary urged Secretary Elliot L.

Richardson to give Congress "only the information we have to" about plans to phase out the Public Health Service hospitals.

- The Atomic Energy Commission's refusal to make public certain environmental impact data concerning the Amchitka nuclear test.

- Background briefings in which government officials speak to newsmen on the condition that they not be quoted by name.

McCloskey believes government should maintain secrecy only about personnel matters, intelligence gathering, military plans and ongoing diplomatic negotiations.

Youngster gives 200 gifts

"What do you want for Christmas is a common request of parents these days. Most youngsters have a ready answer about a mile long.

But Alan Rushing, a nine-year-old who figures he has most everything, said he just wanted to help other children. His mother, Mrs. Wesley Rushing, 1829 NE Stanton St., was surprised but pleased, so she set about helping Alan fulfill his only Christmas wish.

They decided to stage a variety show of neighborhood talents and use the proceeds to purchase gifts for less fortunate children.

Together they booked performances by the choir and band of Alameda Elementary School, a chorus of 12 Grant High School students, a senior citizen who plays the Jews' harp and several youngsters

with song and dance routines. They also arranged for Frosty the Snowman, Peppy the Clown and Santa Claus to make guest appearances.

With the aid of Alan's fourth grade classmates at Alameda, 400 tickets were sold. The curtain went up in Alameda's auditorium before a capacity crowd December 15. And despite a cantankerous microphone, the show was a success.

The next day some 200 toys were bought with the proceeds totaling \$77. Crown-Zellerbach helped out by donating paper for wrapping the presents.

On December 21, Alan and his mother delivered the gifts to the children's ward at Fairview Hospital and Training Center. Alan had his Christmas wish and so do the young patients at Fairview.

Health Care in Multnomah County

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners has designated health as the number one priority of the County. This does not mean that we can shortchange our criminal justice or environmental needs, or any of the many other charges we may have, but it does mean that we are committed to channel the bulk of any new resources or efforts into meeting the health needs of our people. This decision is not lightly taken and it is not an empty gesture. The County's dental program was continued with hard local dollars when Federal and State dollars faded away. Three dental clinics primarily for children are presently being operated. Also indicative of this commitment is the fact that the lion's share of federally funded emergency employment slots were given to the Health Department. The Multnomah County Community Action Agency has established a variety of medical outreach and community health programs. Two new medical clinics have been started, one in the Model Cities area, and one in Gresham. The David P. Hooper

Alcoholic Recovery Center was opened late this summer in its way served our community well, it has also consumed increasingly large amounts of health care dollars.

The financial plight of the hospital began pyramiding out of proportion in 1969, when the Board of County Commissioners, although increasing the Hospital budget by one million dollars, was unable to open a newly-constructed wing without closing down a large part of the old Hospital plant. In 1970, again following a significant budget increase, the and will allow a speeded closure of the City Jail, a place long condemned for its ancient and unhealthy condition. These accomplishments have all taken place this year, and yet we know the unmet need remains great. Our consultants tell us that 50% of the indigent health care need is unmet, and that 95% of the dental need is similarly unmet.

What of the County Hospital? While the Hospital has County hired consultants in an attempt to tighten the fiscal management of the Hospital. Projected savings were im-

pressive but the Hospital's request for new dollars far out-ran the savings. In 1971, the Hospital asked for a budget increase of \$2,809,560. The string had run out and the Hospital was funded to approximately the same dollar level as the previous year and no more.

The Board of County Commissioners made a conscious and an informed decision to assign priorities within the overall health budget. And long before that decision, the Board actively explored the possibility of a State takeover of Multnomah Hospital, including a commitment to continue financial support by contributing to the cost of caring for medically indigent residents of Multnomah County.

I would therefore like to propose what I believe Multnomah County's health goal should be: to propose an objective for indigent health care; and to propose programs of short-range, medium-range and long-range time frames.

Multnomah County's health goal should be: "To maintain good health among all citizens of Multnomah County." To realize such a broadly-stated goal, we must concern ourselves with every aspect of health, which includes physical, mental and environmental. And, to often, nutrition is not remembered as a health issue.

We are left with a need to fill the short range gap. The demand for space at Multnomah Hospital is always great during the winter months. It has been partially met from year to year by the postponement of elective surgeries. This will again be the case this year. I have also been informed that the hospitals in the community are looking at plans to coordinate admissions to better assure space and a balanced spread of indigents who may require hospitalization. Barring an epidemic, there are ample beds to meet this need.

To provide pre-critical treatment and relieve the demands on hospital emergency rooms, it will be helpful if Multnomah County can provide a 24-hour a day clinic capability. This may well require additional County dollars. It may be further possible for our Health Department to reallocate personnel and resources on a temporary basis in order to open a general out-patient clinic at its 5th and Ankeny facility. I intend to seek the concurrence of the Board to so mandate the Health Department.

Multnomah County is, I believe, turning around to face head on the basic problems that have gone begging all across the country. (Health Care in Multnomah County - a position statement by Donald E. Clark, Commissioner, Multnomah County, Oregon)



Portland Trail Blazer Stan McKenzie and wife Vashti entertained her mother and father and friends Christmas Day. Mr. and Mrs. Dell Peters of Baltimore, Maryland. The Peters own the oldest and largest Black newspaper in the United States. The Afro-American was founded in 1867. A brunch at the McKenzie's found everyone coming to the party in house robes. A delicious kidney stew was served over corn bread, along with a lovely buffet.

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