

Teachers exams due

Registration deadline for persons planning to take the national teacher examinations at Portland State University is March 16, according to Mrs. Jean Edwards, assistant PSU professor in special education.

Date for the examinations is April 8. PSU is the only testing location in the greater metropolitan area.

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.

Bulletins of information describing registration procedures and containing registration forms may be obtained from the special education office, Room 304, Smith Memorial Center or directly from the National Teacher Examinations, Educational Testing Service, Box 911, Princeton, New Jersey, 08540.

Registration for the exams must reach the Princeton Office no later than March 16, Mrs. Edwards announced.

PDC employs minority workers



Mrs. Hazel G. Hays

working in a wide range of positions. Mrs. Hazel G. Hays, Coordinator of Community Services and Citizen's Participation, directs a staff of 40 people consisting of supervisors, program and information specialists, secretaries and receptionists. When Mrs. Hays started with the Development Commission in 1965, as a Neighborhood Advisor for the Albina Neighborhood Improvement Project, she had a



BETTY WHITE

staff of three. Her duties now cover not only the Model Cities area, but Commission activities city-wide.

Other positions held by minority employees include section chiefs, such as Mr. Benjamin Webb, Chief of Relocation and Property Management; supervisors such as Mrs. Marion Scott, Mrs. Betty White and Mr. Greg Watson, supervisors of Neighborhood Development Offices; as well



BENJAMIN WEBB

as planners, information specialists, rehabilitation advisors, secretaries, clerks, and other positions.

A number of minority employees have come up through the ranks. The Commission has a policy of training per-



MARION SCOTT

sonnel to take on additional responsibilities and promoting from within.

The Development Commission has been a leader in other aspects of minority employ-



GREG WATSON

ment. A number of minority neighborhood planning consultants work with the Commission. The Commission has helped expand the work for minority contractors in the area. When the Albina Neighborhood Improvement Project began, there was only one minority general contractor in Albina to perform rehabilitation. Today, there are 13 general and 11 subcontractors. Model Cities contractors were responsible for 74 percent of all work in the ANIP extension area.

Davis runs

for county Commission

Bob Davis, a Political Science instructor for Portland Community College Cascade Center, announced his candidacy Wednesday for the Democratic nomination to Multnomah County Commission, Position Number 2. The position is presently held by Larry Ayisworth.

Davis is a retired Air Force Lieutenant Colonel and a member of the Board of Directors of Mt. Hood Community College.

"I have a life long interest in government," Davis said. "The present study of city-county consolidation raises many interesting opportunities to create improvements in local government."

"I am willing to be a FULL-TIME Commissioner since I have no outside business interests. I believe each county commissioner should be willing to serve as an ombudsman, accessible to the public and receptive to the ideas and problems of the citizens. I do not believe a part-time commissioner can adequately fulfill his responsibilities to the citizens of Multnomah County. I am especially concerned

about the present financial problems of the county, including the difficulties the hospital is experiencing.

"I am convinced we must approach the problems of our community on a metropolitan basis."

Davis, 44, is a native of Portland and graduated from Boise Grade School, Jefferson High School, and the University of Oregon. He received a bachelor's degree in Political Science from the University of Oregon.

Davis is presently serving as President of the East Multnomah County Democratic Forum and is a former two-term State President of the Young Democrats. During the 1971 Oregon Legislature he served as administrative assistant to State Rep. LeRoy Owens, Democrat from Lane County.

Davis is an East County home-owner, married, and father of three teen-age children attending Gresham High School. He has been active in the Gresham Toastmasters, American Legion, and the Knights of Columbus.

Court upholds landlords

The U.S. Supreme Court decided that tenants cannot withhold rent payments because a landlord is negligent in maintaining the property.

A Portland couple, backed by a dozen legal aid agencies from Portland to Miami, claimed that Oregon's landlord-tenant law is unconstitutional. Under the law, tenants can be evicted after six days' notice and cannot require the landlord to repair property by withholding the rent.

The court maintained that assurance of adequate housing is a legislative and not a judicial responsibility.

The Portland Development Commission has one of the highest percentages of minority employment for public agencies in the state of Oregon.

Out of 100 full-time employees, 23 minority staff mem-

bers are employed or 23 percent. There are 15 part-time minority staff members out of a total of 20 or 75 percent. This brings the over-all total percentage of minority employment to 31.7 percent. Minority employees are



Cowan promoted

Julius L. Cowan, 304 N. Emerson has been promoted to the position of Rehabilitation Advisor by the Portland Development Commission.

Cowan, formerly an Information Specialist at the PDC's Neighborhood Development Office No. 1, 5630 N.E. Union Avenue, will continue to work out of that office.

Born and educated in Columbus, Ohio, Cowan majored

in Sociology during the time he attended Otterbein University.

In his new job, Cowan will assist homeowners in their efforts to rehabilitate their homes by providing counseling concerning home improvements; ideas and methods of contracting for the work; plans, specifications and estimates; and review of contracts to assure that the work has been done properly.

Ask the dentist

This is the third in a series of six articles on dental health published by the Portland Observer, in cooperation with the American Dental Association, in observance of National Children's Dental Health Week, February 6-12.

It seems to me that the cost of dental care is getting higher and higher. I'm finding it difficult to keep my family in good dental health. Can't the dental profession do something to keep costs down?

You are right, dental care is more expensive than it was, say ten years ago. But so is just about everything else. You and your pocketbook know that inflation is a constant concern. Each year, the cost of living continues to rise.

It is interesting to note that between 1958 and 1970 according to the U.S. Department of Labor - the cost of living rose 2.7 percent annually, and wages rose about 5 percent annually. At the same time, dental fees increased 4 percent per year.

There are ways to keep the cost of dental care down, and we shall discuss some of them for you. One way is to discuss payment with your family

dentist. He may be able to help you work out a payment system that will be within your budget and still permit you to obtain good dental services.

If you have a dental school in your area, you may qualify to receive dental care at its clinic. All types of dental procedures are performed at such clinic. The work is closely supervised by faculty dentists. However, dental patients are accepted by dental school clinics only if their dental problems are of teaching value.

Another way to manage dental care costs is through prepayment, or dental insurance. More than ten million people are now covered by prepayment, and unions and management groups are becoming increasingly interested in providing dental care coverage as part of their over-all package of health care fringe benefits. You can check with your employer or dental society to see if a prepayment plan is available in your area.

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