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JEANNE HARTZOG

Hartzog heads project

Mrs. Jeanne Hartzog is director of the Urban League's school desegregation program. The program, which is funded by the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, will work with the School District, trans-

ferring schools and host or receiving schools. Seminars, workshops and in-service training courses will be held throughout the year, involving parents, teachers and administrative staff of the selected school communities. Tutoring classes, if needed, will be set up to assist in bringing to parity the academic status of transfer students in host schools. Testing procedures will be available to those students nearing decisions on career goals.

One of the major priorities of the Project will be to ameliorate racial tensions, apprehensions, fears, and myths in the hope that the transitions for all communities undergoing change will be as smooth as possible.

PSU studies drugs

The interacting effects of marijuana and barbiturates is the subject of a research project recently awarded a \$33,173 grant from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare's Public Health Service.

The study is being conducted by Dr. Cord B. Sengstake, associate professor of psychology at Portland State University.

Using laboratory rats as subjects, Sengstake is investigating the effects the two depressant drugs have on physiological systems when used together and which are not present when only one or the other drugs is administered.

During his experiments, Sengstake has noted electrocardiogram changes and dramatic decreases in heart-beat rates.

The study, funded through May, 1974, is a continuance of Sengstake's four-year research of the effects of marijuana on rats. According to Sengstake, his work can be described as a pre-clinical study whose findings will indicate whether or not further research applied to another animal species or humans is necessary.

Unemployment insurance is a joint federal-state program operated by the state in partnership with the U.S. Department of Labor.

PLUS offers student aid

Operation PLUS, Portland State University's Program for low income students and students needing assistance to meet college entrance requirements, has vacancies for fall term. The program provides financial assistance, counseling, tutoring and special classes. Program director Bill Wilkerson urges students to apply quickly so their records can be in order before registration begins.

Iva Lane, Reading and Study Skills Coordinator for PLUS, sees it as an unusual

opportunity for persons who would not otherwise have the opportunity to go to college. The program has seen several of its students graduate from the university. Two of the graduates, Mel Toran and Eric Harper, will enter law school this fall.

One of the unique aspects of PLUS is its special credit-carrying courses in Reading and Study Skills and Math. The reading course consists of three sequences and each student starts with the first, second or third sequence,

according to his ability. This year, for the first time, the third sequence will be combined with Writing 121 so that students can also earn credit for this course which is required for graduation. While taking the special reading and math courses, PLUS students are also enrolled in the regular university courses in their chosen field.

Ms. Lane is beginning her third year with PLUS. A native of Chicago, she graduated from Northeast Illinois State College in Chicago in 1968 with a degree in Education. She taught second grade in the Chicago public schools and did educational television broadcasts for 4th grade Social Science.

She earned her MA at Atlanta University in 1971 and became a Certified Reading Specialist. She served as a graduate assistant at Spellman College in Atlanta for a year, and it was there that she was discovered by Bill Wilkerson and talked into coming to Portland.

Ms. Lane is glad she came to PSU, where she has the opportunity to assist with a valuable program. She sees students not only learn to read better but mature and grow in their attitudes. She finds most of the PLUS students to be serious about their studies and appreciative of an opportunity they did not expect to have.

Telephone rates raise

New local and long distance telephone rates for Pacific Northwest Bell's Oregon customers went into effect August 13, according to Roy Schnaible, division commercial manager.

The basic monthly service charge for residences and most businesses will increase by 15 cents per month, Schnaible said. Long distance charges for calls between Oregon communities more than 40 miles apart will also increase.

In Portland, for example, the new monthly rate for basic telephone service will be: \$7.25 for one-party residences; \$19.90 for one-party businesses.

Some new charges for long distance calls (customer-dialed, three minute call on a weekday) within Oregon include: \$4.7, Portland to Salem; \$7.8, Portland to Eugene-Springfield; \$1.04, Portland to Medford.

The charge to install a telephone has also been increased. The new rate will be either \$20 or \$30 for residences, depending on the telephone equipment already in the residence and the work done on the premises. New rates for business will be \$35. Before the increase the charges were \$15 for residence and \$30 for business.

The Public Utility Commissioner directed Pacific Northwest Bell to provide a four-month payment plan to installation charges for those customers who would prefer not to pay all of the charges with their first bill.

PNB was also directed to proceed with a year-long trial of low priced two-party residence telephone service in Springfield and in the office serving about 32,000 customers in Northeast Portland. The trial will begin this fall in Springfield, and early next year in Portland. The service will cost \$3.95 per month. A maximum of ten outgoing local calls are allowed, with a ten cent charge for each additional local call. There will be no limit on incoming calls.

Some of the other rates approved include:

- Non-published telephone numbers will cost 50 cents per month beginning Sunday, September 9. The telephone company will also offer a new "non-listed" telephone service which cost 50 cents per month. The non-published number would not be available in either the telephone directory or from Directory Assistance. The "non-listed" number would not be printed in the telephone directory, but could be obtained from Directory Assistance. The charges were approved to help offset the cost to maintain the confidential nature of the numbers.

- Increases were approved for PBX (private branch exchange) trunk lines, key telephone systems and CENTREX services.

PNB's customers will receive detailed information on the rate increases in their telephone bills later this month. The entire list of new rates is on file at each Pacific Northwest Bell business office in Oregon.

PDC, ACA

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PDC has in the past. The ACA, whose members are residents of the area, would be better able to communicate the benefits and the limitations of the home repair program to the homeowner, Jackson stated.

PDC and Model Cities will look into the ramifications of the transfer and reach a decision within a week.

The Home Improvement Program is supposed to give preference to minority contractors through ACA, but thus far no working relationship has been established between the two agencies.

Ray Wilson of PDC has allocated the jobs by calling in contractors who were available at the time of the phone call. Those who cannot be reached by telephone during the day do not get the work. The work also has gone to specialty rather than gen-



Photo: Charles Bradwell

eral contractors. Wilson had no statistics available, but Andrew Raubeson, Acting Director of the Model Cities Agency, estimated the percentage at 35 percent of the jobs and 24 percent of the money to minority contractors.

If the ACA is awarded the project, they will allocate work on a rotating basis so all minority contractors can benefit equally.

Kenward agreed to obtain statistics on minority involvement; release these statistics to ACA; release monthly reports to ACA; investigate the dissatisfaction among homeowners and devise a better system of communication with homeowners; review the bidding system; and consider transfer of the Home Repair Program to ACA.

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Caucus Time

by **Jetie B. Wilds, Jr.**
Chairman, Oregon Black Caucus

There is a very hot issue in the nation and in our community among Black people. It's so hot that whomever touches it gets burned regardless of how it's handled. However, many sisters have been pushing the issue of Black/white social dating and marriage as something that must be dealt with NOW. I am therefore obliged, as my good female friends state, to take my lumps also.

First of all, it did not seem to rank very high when placed in the same arena with hunger, unemployment, traditional racism, unfit housing, lack of educational op-

portunities and political imprisonment. However, the sisters state that the issue of Black/white social dating and marriage permeates all sectors, factions, classes, philosophies and ages. The question is, according to our Black sisters, more on the order of what should be desirable for the Black man along racial lines rather than just what is desirable in terms of qualities. The issue at the moment seems to dwell around Black males and white females.

In polling some of the Black brothers informally, the following notions and quali-

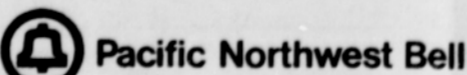
ties were expressed. The most frequently expressed notion was that the brothers wanted someone in their corner who is non-competitive. Next was the notion of a partner who understood their ego needs and satisfied them. Unfortunately, there was no expression of the brothers giving along the same lines; just taking. Some of the desirable qualities most often expressed are: attractive, charming, pleasurable, delightful, soulful, together, passionate, with-it, affectionate, poised and interested in the Black struggle and the Black man. The most frightening qualities that a woman could have are combativeness and the tendency to make attacks upon the Black male character, e.g. their individual worth as a human being.

We know that some Black women are the possessors of such qualities and all have the capability of possessing all of the desirable qualities mentioned. The question then is do some Black men prefer the white woman who possesses the same qualities because she is white. If whiteness is the deciding criteria then a terrible injustice is in the land and that kind of racism cannot be tolerated. There also has to be a look at whether Black men and women are combatants and whether one or both attack the character of the other. It would seem that a person would prefer being considered the greatest rather than the worst or just another person. Statements like, "that's a no-good man" or "that woman doesn't mean you any good" are not really terms of endearment.

If the issue of Black/white social dating and marriage is to continue to get in the way of necessary organizing and strategizing, then we must deal with it. The question has to be resolved in terms of desirable personal qualities. We can each work at becoming desirable but can't do much about our color. We cannot deal with the issue of whiteness versus Blackness if white is automatically desirable as is the contention of some Black men and women. We must also recognize that some Black men and some Black women will find white partners more desirable. Our concern, therefore, must be some way of legitimating the process so that whiteness isn't unfairly weighted. Some Black men and Black women are calling for a summit. What are your comments? Please respond to Oregon Black Caucus, P.O. Box 12262, Portland, Oregon. The next Caucus meeting (not to discuss the above issue) is Sunday, August 19, 1973 at the Portland State University Education Center, 2611 N.E. Union, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

"The Story of Eric", an enlightening film of one couple's prepared childbirth experience, will be shown at the Public Service Building second floor auditorium August 27, 1973 at 7:30 p.m. There is no charge and all interested persons are invited. This film is sponsored by the Portland Association for Childbirth Education. Questions concerning this film may be answered by calling 284-0591.

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