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Yes, there really are 597 applesauce cans here, says John Wysham of Southwest Portland, a senior at OES.

School cans fruit for needy

597 cans of applesauce were delivered to William Temple House in Northwest Portland on October 4th by the students from Oregon Episcopal Schools (St. Helen's Hall, Bishop Dagwell Hall). This was a community services project of the school.

The apples came from the Old Nicol Riding Academy Orchard on the school campus, and the trees were picked by industrious students during orientation days at school. Orientation was planned so that students and faculty members could get to know each other outside of the traditional academic setting. In addition to apple picking, the students pruned and cleaned up the trees, participated in Five Square and Trust Walk games, disassembled a tent being blindfolded, etc. Total enrollment for OES this year is 538.

As far as the apples were concerned, the work didn't

The Fourth R: Relevancy
by Mrs. Oslly J. Gates

Visiting schools regularly, in an atmosphere of quietude, to observe and evaluate classroom activity regarding the 3 R's and "Relevance, the Fourth R" is a means of communicating concern for humane, academic commitment. If education is to fulfill its role, objective public review and accountability are mandatory.

Are Portland schools relevant in administrative leadership, in curriculum, in student competence and achievement, in positive student behavior, in human relations, parental input, community relations, and public relations?

Are students respected as human beings? If so, exag-gerations such as "eaten alive" should not be used as the language whether in reference to figuratively eating people or farm animals alive connotes an extreme condition counter to contemporary community standards which therefore gives the impression of existing emergency or disaster conditions.

Are Portland educators aware of the alienating impact of exaggerated statements or stereotypical labels? Terms such as "bused-in" carry emotional and political overtones whereas the words transfer students or commuting students do not have the same type of impact.

Are school personnel aware of the necessity for objective statistics regarding student learning and behavior? For example, do professionals realize that information regarding remedial programs should be accurately and tactfully presented so that the impression is not given that commuting transfer stu-

dents are lowering the standards of a particular school or that integration is compounding problems of learning or friction inasmuch as below average students, non-achieving students and fighting students probably existed in most schools irrespective of race prior to desegregation.

To what extent is the educational objective confused and handicapped by inappropriate administrative dissent regarding bi-racial, two-way integration (transfers-in and transfers-out)? To what extent can a dissenting viewpoint effectively implement any kind of integration?

Recently Portland schools in transition have frequently appeared in news reports by one particular journalist; some of the information revealed has been cause for active concern, initiating two personal visits by me to schools to seek facts.

In an October 4, 1973 visit to Hayhurst School, I learned that commuting transfer students include whites and non-whites. Resident students living in the attendance district include three Afro-American students. Three classes in the reading laboratory were observed; the first had approximately thirty-two students, of which two were Afro-Americans. The second class of thirty-two students had no minority students. The third class of approximately thirty pupils included five minority students. In a tutorial reading class, three minority students were being instructed. Mr. Nelson, the principal, stated some Black students were doing outstanding work.

To what extent is incom-

Browne joins committee

State Senator Betty Browne, D-Oakridge, has been appointed to serve on the Intergovernmental Relations Committee of the National Legislative Conference.

The appointment was received this week from Representative Charles F. Kurfess of Ohio, President of the Conference. Senator Browne will serve on the Committee's Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Task Force. The Committee's next meeting is scheduled for December 7 and 8 in Washington, D.C., where the Conference has its national headquarters.

Representative Tom Jensen of Tennessee is Chairman of the Committee, and Representative Dale Cochran of Iowa is Vice-Chairman.

The Committee "has become nationally recognized as the focal point for the expression of views by state legislators on major state-federal issues," according to Kurfess.

"Great Pumpkin" contest underway

A "Great Pumpkin" contest, \$175 in U.S. Savings Bonds, 5,000 pumpkins and Oregon's under twelve population are all part of a month long Halloween celebration now underway at Lloyd Center.

The Center's merchants have issued a traditional challenge to all green thumbs in Oregon. A \$100 U.S. Savings Bond is offered to the first place winner in the "Great Pumpkin" contest. This prize goes to the grower of the state's largest yellow pumpkin and will be awarded on the basis of the combined measurement of vertical and horizontal dimensions. The weight is not considered in the judging.

Entries may be placed in the pumpkin patch at Lloyd Center beginning on October 19 and continuing through Wednesday, October 24, or mailed in (the dimensions—not the pumpkins) by Tuesday, October 23 to the Lloyd Center Business Office, #2201 Lloyd Center, Portland, Oregon 97232.

Additional prizes of \$50 and \$25 Savings Bonds will be awarded to the second and third place winners, respectively.

The Center's initial symbol of this fun holiday will be the placement of a "Jack-O-Lantern" at the Ice Pavilion. A giant, smiling pumpkin face is painted on the ice and then protected with a glaze coating of new ice.

On Thursday, October 18, a pumpkin patch will rise from the Center's Central Plaza to house the pumpkin giants entered in the Great Pumpkin contest and 30 tons of ordinary pumpkins for display. In addition, this holiday exhibit will feature live wild turkeys, scarecrows and decorative corn shocks.

A final salute to this month ending traditional holiday will be the distribution of 5,000 pumpkins to children ages 12 and under on Tuesday, October 30, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

MEDIA contemplates Community Organizer

The Metropolitan Economic Development Industrial Alliance (MEDIA) Inc., stung by increasing low attendance of Union Avenue based business owners and/or managers at Community Planning meetings, is studying the possibility of initiating a survey which would include hiring a Community Organizer, who would educate business executives and employees on broad, social, political and business matters.

Avenue is to be achieved. A small group of concerned businessmen is scheduled to discuss the financing of such a project. A firm commitment of one businessman and the promise of two more have started the study, but more funds are needed to continue. MEDIA, Inc. is a private, non-profit, Local Development Corporation and any funds donated will be tax deductible.

MEDIA believes that only through projects like this can the interests of Union Avenue businessmen be protected and coordinated, insuring that businessmen's ideas and opinions are included in any future redevelopment plans of this area.

Eckankar confers

Scores of Oregonians, along with thousands from around the world, are focusing their attention on San Francisco this month where plans call for the seventh world-wide Seminar on Eckankar October 19 through 22 at the Civic Auditorium.

Graphically illustrating the spiritual awakening taking place in America, young and old alike report finding answers to the riddles of life in Eckankar, described as the path of total awareness. According to Chelas (students) of this teaching, the age-old questions of "Who am I? Have I lived before? Where am I going? What happens after death?" are answered in Eckankar.

Hosted by the Northern California Satsang Societies, the seminar highlight will be the appearance of Sri Darwin Gross, the living Eck Master, who heads the movement. He will be speaking several times during the event.

"Eckankar teaches that throughout the various dimensions and universes of creation, there exists a cosmic spiritual energy force that is utilized in spiritual growth and travel into inner worlds," Gross said. "Many people are just learning of the existence of these inner worlds and of the higher spiritual teachings."

Gross emphasized that Eckankar is not a religion, a philosophy, a Yoga or a Metaphysical system, and is not concerned with political or social systems. "Rather," he said, "it is concerned with life or consciousness. More specifically, with man, since man is the only creature on this planet with the intelligence to recognize who and what he really is."

According to Gross, artificial means of consciousness expansion are never used in Eckankar. He reports that many young people who were reliant upon drugs found them totally unnecessary when they became involved with Eckankar.

Local Chelas explained that the pathway of Eckankar has been known to a select few throughout all ages, and in large part, has been kept hidden from the general masses. In 1965, Paul Twitchell, the predecessor to Sri Darwin as the living Eck Master, made these spiritual teachings public.

The seminar will include talks, an art exhibit depicting experiences at higher levels of awareness, music and a children's calendar of semi-annual activities for the junior Eckist. A free introductory lecture will be presented Saturday morning, October 20. The public is invited to attend and can receive seminar details from Eckankar Asost, P.O. Box 5325, Las Vegas, Nevada 89102.

NNPA
(Continued from pg. 1, col. 3) with more Blacks than America.

We have to make a stand and decision similar to the steps taken by the Peoples Republic of China to eliminate the drug grip in our midst. That calls for closing off the sources and imposing severe penalties upon the traffickers in narcotics.

There is no assurance that either 20th century civilization or Blacks will survive, Dr. Goodlett warned, unless we as Blacks utilize the best talent among us to assure survival.

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Grants available

Students may apply through February 1, 1974. Forms are available in the PSU financial aids office.

Under the international student scholarship program, Streeter said students may receive up to full tuition and fees. PSU has some \$54,000 to disburse, coupled with another \$11,000 ticketed for renewals under an old international student aid program.

Streeter said he can't predict how much money will be available this fall until computer studies are completed. Still, he encouraged students to apply on the chance some aid will be available.

Original estimates placed the amount of federal financial aid available at PSU this year at more than \$1 million. That is increased by institutional shares in some programs and by the BEOG program.

More information on financial aids may be obtained by calling the PSU Office of Financial Aids at 229-3461.

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