



City Commissioner Charles Jordan, center, joined Fred Bieker, M.D., left, and Philip Parshley, M.D., for "Pizza with a Purpose" on Thursday, March 18, 1976. Sponsored by the Portland Fire Departments Womens League, the day-long event was held at the Engine House Pizza Company No. 1 at the Jantzen Beach Shopping Center. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Oregon Burn Center at Emanuel Hospital.

Forum studies vital issues

The "Vital Issues Forum", sponsored by the Legislative Committee of Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon, will be held at the First Methodist Church, 600 State Street, Salem, at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, April 9th, with Registration followed by an Open House at 5:15 p.m. hosted by the Church Women United of Salem. Dr. Robert P. Lisensky, President of Willamette University, will keynote the Forum at dinner at 6:30 p.m.

On Saturday, April 10th, four workshop sessions will be available - two choices at 9:00 a.m. and two choices at 1:30 p.m. "Nuclear Energy - More or Less?" will find Dr. Raymond G. Wolfe, Jr., Chemistry Professor at the University of Oregon and Dr. Bernard Spinrad presenting information and debating on this critical subject. Dr. Spinrad is Professor of Nuclear Engineering at Oregon State University. The second choice will be "Full Employment - Impact

of Conglomerates, Justice Issues in Employment, etc." with Dr. Jann Carpenter, Economist, Graduate School of Administration, Willamette University and Leon T. Johnson, Director of Youth Services, Portland, speaking. "Health Insurance - How Much and Who Pays?" will be explored by Howard Steward, Executive Director of Cascade Health Care and Dr. Otto Kraushaar, Physician from Salem. "Farms - Family or Conglomerates?" which will be discussed by Mr. Robert Elkins, National Farmers Union and Mr. David Nelson, Freedom to Farm Committee.

The public is invited to attend the "Vital Issues Forum" where citizens, church people, educators and politicians will come together to discuss, debate and deliberate. Registration forms can be obtained from Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon, 0245 S.W. Bancroft Street, Portland, Oregon 97201. (Telephone 503-221-1054).

PSU sponsors job classes

The Portland State University Educational Center will offer a series of free career symposiums in April. The series of six symposiums will be held on April 1st, 15th and 29th, May 6th and 20th, and June 3rd, from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.

Each symposium will feature a panel of speakers who will discuss their career experiences and how they selected their career fields.

Speakers for the first session are: Sherin Bennett, job developer at the

YWCA; James Edwards, KOIN radio newsman; Laura Huks, community coordinator; and Susan Rhodes, a training technician, both from the Women's Liberation School; and Gene Lander, chaplain at Bess Kaiser Hospital.

The center will sponsor a free resume writing class on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. The three workshops, beginning April 6th, April 27th or May 18th, focus on taking personal inventory, research formats and resume dos and don'ts.

Neighborhoods seek lighting

Last Fall over half of the neighborhood associations told the City about their needs by sending budget requests to city bureaus. These major needs identified are: traffic safety, street and park improvements and lighting. Inadequate lighting is a problem in six neighborhoods. Of five of these, Woodlawn, Eliot, Sabin, North Portland and Northwest some new lighting has already been installed this year. A number of the requests from North Portland and Northwest are scheduled for next year.

The Lighting Division's \$359,080 program for new lighting next year is in two parts - neighborhood lighting and arterial street lighting. The Division's top priority for neighborhood lighting next year is around community centers which have nighttime use. Ten school areas are to be included. They are: Couch, Buckman, Sellwood, John Ball, Grout, Sunny-side, St. Mary's Academy, Irvington, George and Sittou. Other areas included for additional lighting next year are Old Town, St. John's, and Hill Crest Drive. Eight of these projects are located in neighborhoods which are eligible for Housing and Community Development funds. Of the total cost of this neighborhood lighting \$225,500 HCD funds will pay \$93,500. The remaining \$132,000 will be funded by City street lighting fund dollars. There are no general fund monies in this program.

New lighting along arterial streets is planned for seven locations. They are N. Columbia Boulevard (N Oswego-W. city limits), N.E. Grand Avenue (N.E. Holliday and S.E. Clay-S.E. Harrison), S.W. Barbur (S.W. 35th-city limits), W. Burnside (N.W. 14th-19th), N.E. 82nd and Sandy Intersection, N. Killingsworth (N.

Interstate-N.E. Union), Union Avenue. Funds for city lighting will pay \$50,500 for these projects along arterials the \$83,080, is to be paid with federal grant monies.

This entire program has been reviewed several times. It was approved by both the Public Works Citizens Advisory Committee, a volunteer group appointed by Commissioner McCready, and the planning Commission. City Council review of the entire \$2.8 million Lighting Division budget will be held on April 5th from 9:30 to noon.

The Council will be asked to make a policy about the use of high sodium vapor fixtures. These fixtures are more economical than the widely used mercury vapor lighting. The Lighting Division staff recommends that any improvements to arterials be made using high pressure sodium vapor. The Planning Bureau staff recommends that this type of lighting be used in all commercial and high volume traffic areas. The Planning Commission during its review added that low intensity lighting should be used in neighborhoods as energy costs allow.

Future plans for street lighting are influenced by the ten year street lighting levy passed by the voters in 1974. This levy will make available about \$200,000 each year for the next nine years. Careful planning for the best use of these funds is already underway. In order to begin a five year program, the Lighting Division is presently making an inventory of all city lighting. Neighborhoods are being asked to help the Lighting Division by noting areas that (1) have present nighttime use and (2) need better lighting levels.

Human needs, military cost symposium subject

Symposium on Human Needs and Military Spending will be held at Portland Community College - Cascade Campus on April 17th. The symposium will be sponsored by a group of Portland based organizations which work in a variety of programs related to human needs in Portland and to national priorities. These include: The American Friends Service Committee; Portland Daycare Workers Alliance; Methodist Federation for Social Action; FISH Emergency Services; Tri-county New Politics; Women's International League for Peace and Freedom; Portland Community Warehouse; Oregon Gray Panthers; Coalition for Safe Power; Clergy and Laity Concerned; Forelows on Board; Centenary Wilbur Methodist Church; Portland Town Council; Fellowship of Reconciliation; Portland Youth Advocates and Oregon Solar Institute.

The focus of the symposium will be the Ford administration's proposed federal budget for fiscal year 1977 and its effect upon our ability to meet essential human needs.

The sponsors of the symposium feel that the administration's proposal represents a distorted sense of priorities. The budget calls for a sixteen percent "real growth" increase in defense spending, (the \$114.0 billion military budget would be the largest in U.S. history) while calling for substantial cuts in funding for education, child development, the elderly, health research, food stamps, veteran's benefits, public assistance, legal services, agricultural extension, and

community development. The city of Portland would feel the impact of cuts in the fields of daycare, mass transit, public works, youth services, and other areas.

The symposium is intended to provide a public platform for discussion of these issues. The symposium will provide a way for Portland citizens to have direct input into this process.

The forum will include an address by Dr. Charles Grossman, chairman of the Interagency Welfare Crisis Committee, on Human Needs in Portland; an address on Military Spending in Fiscal 77 by John Markoff of Pacific Northwest Research Center; workshops in various subject areas; and will conclude with a panel discussion on national priorities. The panelists will include Congressman Les AuCoin and State Representative Vera Katz. Congressman Robert Duncan and other representatives have also been invited to serve on the panel.

One of the prime goals of the symposium is to advance some specific proposals to challenge the congress and the administration to change national priorities to reflect the real needs of the American people.

Credit Union elects board

The Family Action Federal Credit Union held its fifth annual meeting on March 27, 1976.

The highlights of the meeting were the presentation of a fifth anniversary cake and the election of a full slate of board members and credit committee. Board selections were Les Andrews of PMSC, John Wesley of Emanuel Hospital, Lorraine Duncan of PMSC, Edem Usoro - assistant bank manager, Chuck Hagens, business consultant and Mrs. Al Green, housewife. Ms. Thelma Wilder is serving out her second year of a two year term as vice chairperson. The credit committee selections were Reverend Mayes, Art Dilsworth, V.F. Booker and Chuck Hagens.

FACU is alive, well and financially sound. The FACU is Portland's first and only community oriented Federal Credit Union. The FACU was founded and sponsored by PMSC to provide a financial institution that was designed to serve the needs of the total community including the low income segment.

Attempts to serve members who could not qualify for full participation with other financial institutions often projected an image of a granting institution rather than a bonifide savings and loan operation. Consequently much abuse was experienced in loan recovery, resulting in a high delinquency factor which prompted very severe recommendations from Federal Auditors. At one point an examiner considered a closure recommendation, but Gilcrease requested additional funding from his board in order to FACU needed capital and time to regroup. The board realized the potential contribution that our credit union could make to the community in terms of consumer education, employee training and financial counseling in addition to the standard services. Gilcrease's request was granted, and consequently FACU is a dividend paying operation, looking forward to many more anniversaries of service to the community.

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