



ROTC Cadets Sue Leas, Robert Ghormley and John Svela from the University of Portland receive instruction on the F-101B fighter aircraft at the Portland Air National Guard Base.

Helicopter pilot trains ROTC

An ex-U.S. Army helicopter pilot, who will soon wear the silver U.S. Air Force pilot wings, currently is training with the Oregon Air National Guard in Portland.

John Svela, an experienced pilot who served in Vietnam and with over 2,500 flying hours to his credit, is one of fifteen senior ROTC cadets from the University of Portland who is participating in a unique management training program with the Oregon Air Guard.

The program, similar to one given at the Air Force Academy to third year students, is being offered to the University of Portland's ROTC graduating seniors for the first time in cooperation with the 142nd Fighter Interceptor Group, Oregon Air National Guard.

According to Captain Jim Pyle, Assistant Professor of Aerospace Studies at the University, "It's the first time that a program of this magnitude has ever been attempted in the northwest."

Fifteen young men and women are paired with an Air Guard officer or senior

non-commissioned officer on the job during the management field study. The object is to acquaint the cadets with their chosen Air Force career field or one that is related. It also allows the student to observe management practices in action, similar to those studied in the classroom.

Each student is required to observe his Air Guard counterpart at work for a minimum of eight hours during April.

The soon-to-be commissioned pilot, Svela, thinks the program is just what he needs. "It's great to be around professionals and to get first-hand information on what to expect," he said.

Another participant, Cadet Sue Leas, with an interest in the air-weather service, remarked, "This has introduced me to the technology and management practices so necessary in the air-weather field."

Upon graduation, the Portland-trained ROTC cadets will be commissioned in the U.S. Air Force.

Asthma camp offers experiences

The child with asthma, who signs up to go to Camp Christmas Seal this summer, can experience the opening up of a whole new world, according to Emil Bardana, M.D., assistant professor of medicine and head of allergy division, University of Oregon Health Sciences Center, who will also be the camp's medical staff coordinator.

The Oregon Lung Association's pilot project camp for children with asthma will be held August 22nd through the 29th at Camp Colton in Clackamas County.

The prominent Portland allergist said that the asthmatic child, by falling in league with his peers, can come to know and share here-to-fore untried activities. He can learn more about his disease and how to cope with it himself. He'll learn, he stressed, what he CAN do, instead of what he can't. And, in so doing, he'll probably have the time of his life.

In an interview with Dr. Bardana at UOHS, the allergist painted a verbal picture of the typical child with severe asthma. He or she is one who is frequently isolated and sequestered, lonely, sometimes over-protected or

subtly resented and one who considers himself a cripple. One of the most valuable things the Camp Christmas Seal experience can give this child is a feeling of security, adventure and the knowledge that there are others like him.

While at Camp Christmas Seal there will be round-the-clock medical staff and special dietary and recreational concerns, the medical staff, according to Bardana, will maintain a low and nonchalant profile — much like "the battalion medical officer in the Marine Corps." The medic will be available to see that the child takes his medications, to distribute band-aids, as needed, to teach the camper something about his disease and, of course, to function in emergency episodes. But not to hover over.

Experience has shown, the doctor said, that asthmatic children, in a camp situation, have very few problems. They learn they can tolerate more than they or their parents thought.

The pilot session of the asthmatic camp will take children from nine through thirteen with parental and doctor approval. For information and registration call the Oregon Lung Association.

Class explores western impact

A new history sequence to examine Western man's impact on the Asian and African continents starts next fall at Portland Community College. Dr. Robert Costi said the new classes will expose three areas where Western contact has been critical in the development of Asia and Africa.

The three areas, Dr. Costi said, are Western imperialism before the 20th century, emphasis of 20th century events, and the development of militarism.

One term transferable courses will be offered sequentially, but Costi said they need not be taken chronologically. The courses are Era of Western Imperialism, World in Crisis, and War and the Modern World.

Dr. Costi, an Oregon City resident who has taught at PCC for six years, explained the significance of the new classes. "We no longer can rely on oceans and distances to separate the various continents. Advancements such as supersonic transportation and international business techniques have brought all portions of the world much closer together. Today we find American government and business exchanges occurring in Asia and Africa as often as in Europe."

"Moreover," Dr. Costi added, "American education has primarily focused on exposing the culture of the United States

Dr. Costi indicated a need for Americans to spend more time investigating the emerging nations to be able to understand and deal with the people of these countries. "The two continents have recently gained a tremendous amount of world attention. They possess rich and varied cultures largely influenced by Western ideas and policies."

In the first course Dr. Costi plans to focus on the impact of 18th, 19th and 20th century Western imperialism on these continents. "While this Western encroachment proved economically profitable, it oftentimes occurred at the expense of the natives. The motivation for this imperialism and its consequences will be the primary areas of investigation," he explained.

When Dr. Costi turns to the second term his focus will show how many of the Western ideas imposed on the natives became the basis for contemporary local uprisings against foreign domination.

The third class will trace the development of militarism including types of conventional and unconventional warfare, the importance of nuclear weapons, the influence of war on current world advancement and its future trends, and Europe. In the past this was acceptable because much of the remaining portion of the world was either backward or under Western domination."

Food stamp denial reversed

Households receiving rent or mortgage supplements from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) who have applied for and were determined eligible or ineligible for the Food Stamp Program since October 8, 1975, may be due retroactive benefits in the form of cash or food coupons, according to a recent order issued by the United States Court of Appeals.

Prior to the ruling, which was contested by the U.S. Department of Agriculture in the lower courts, HUD rent and mortgage payments were counted as "income" in determining eligibility for food stamp benefits. Due to this "additional income," some households were denied eligibility or required to pay higher prices for food stamps.

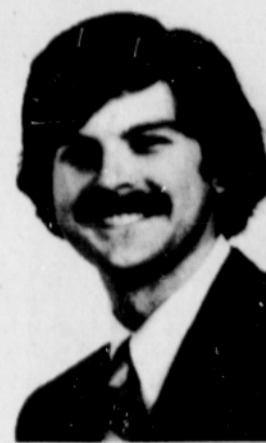
Oregon food stamp officials are in the process of notifying all Public Welfare Branch offices of the Court of Appeals order to prohibit the Food and Nutrition Service from counting HUD rent and

mortgage supplements as income. The fiscal impact of the change has not yet been determined.

"The exact number of households in Oregon impacted by this decision is unknown at this time because there is no available method to measure how many HUD households applied for food stamps since last October 8th and were denied benefits due to their rent and mortgage supplements," said Dwayne Prather, manager of the Oregon Food Stamp Program.

"Households who think they may be eligible for retroactive benefits are urged to contact their local food stamp offices," he added.

The change in policy was the result of a class action suit against Secretary of Agriculture Earl Butz initiated in California in June, 1975. The change applies only to HUD rent and mortgage households. All other housing supplements will continue to be treated as income by the food stamp program.



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