



Behind the Wall

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Special Assistant to the Governor, Shirley Woodrow, met recently with members of the Class of Legal Processes at OSP. The Class of Legal Processes is made up of 30 inmate students who meet every Wednesday night to discuss and study state, federal and civil procedures of the laws and courts.

Mrs. Woodrow presented an outline and explained the process of Executive Appointment, then stayed to answer questions of prisoners. The information Mrs. Woodrow shared sparked a great deal of interest in the selection process and shed much needed light on a subject few people understand.

There are more than 1,000 political appointments made by the Governor of Oregon. The Governor may select anyone he chooses and the criteria considered important for his selections are his own. Our present Governor, Victor G. Atiyeh, believes firmly in selecting appointees from the ranks of "average citizens", according to Mrs. Woodrow. Governor Atiyeh emphasizes the importance of experience and ability in his choices, feeling volunteers do as well as good a job as full time appointees while costing the taxpayer less.

Gathering, filing, screening and presenting names that fit the Governor's criteria make up the major duties of the Special Assistant for Executive Appointments, and Shirley Woodrow is certainly on top of her job. Her constant search for talented people in the state population has produced what she terms a "talent bank" containing names and corresponding data of outstanding people. The "bank" makes up the reserve from which are chosen appointees for judicial appointments, the Human Resources Board, the Energy Board, and the Governor's personal staff, to name a few. This same pool of potential appointees provides names for appointment to the Oregon State Board of Parole.

Most appointments are well made and the appointees serve in the public interest. Few people, however have escaped the frustration and impatient anger of watching an apparently unqualified person make an unquestionable mess of their job. Fewer people still haven't thought or said, "Why, even I could have done a better job than that!" when an appointed official abuses or neglects his duties.

To be considered for the hundreds of positions available at different times, you need only provide the Governor with your name, address, relevant data concerning the position you wish to apply for in a

resume, and the reason you wish to serve.

Another way Mrs. Woodrow stocks the "talent bank" is through personal referrals from friends or acquaintances. Both sources of names mix together in the "talent bank." when a position for appointment is open, names are drawn on the basis of interest, qualification and motivation. Mrs. Woodrow expressed the characteristics she looks for as: "Good credentials, commitment, strength and especially balance in a potential appointee. Strong characteristics of leadership, a flair for communication, the ability to make difficult decisions, and the ability to translate decisions to action are important criteria for selection. Basically, we are looking for a star, stated Mrs. Woodrow.

Once a group of names is selected and reduced to a manageable number, Mrs. Woodrow presents the names to Governor Atiyeh. He sifts the remaining names until one emerges more qualified or at least more favored. If that person is available and willing to accept the appointment, he or she is contacted and presented to the Oregon Senate for approval. Upon approval the appointment is official and a new "star" is launched into office.

Several questions were raised concerning criteria for appointment of members to the Oregon State Board of Parole. Mrs. Woodrow explained that members are sought who are comfortable with and able to manage difficult information. "Emphasis is placed on humanitarian issues rather than on professional qualifications for selection," she stated.

Mrs. Woodrow continued by saying, "Our understanding of the 'matrix system' and of Parole Board function has indicated no need for torneys or other professional people on the Board membership. However, in light of what I have heard tonight, perhaps we should have come here and learned more about the application of the 'matrix' guideline and the function of the Parole Board in their application. The job of the Parole Board is much more complicated than I realized."

There are more than 12 volunteer committees and boards under the executive appointment dealing with justice and law enforcement. Within the prison there are a number of interested, qualified and dedicated inmates wishing to help in the fight for a more responsive, equitable justice system. Their knowledge and experiences are an untapped resource of great potential benefit to any or all of these groups. Members of the class asked about requirements for acceptance of an appointee. Mrs. Woodrow answered, "Well, there are conflict of interest and financial

statement forms to fill out, a few questions to answer in writing, and final confirmation by the Senate. When I took office the Governor instructed me to remove any questions not dealing with whether or not a person can do the job. We feel the job is the important part and try to ignore other issues. Oregon is an equal opportunity employer, so many questions no longer require an answer. Generally, that's about it."

The evening ended with the answers to a carefully phrased question from an inmate concerning the eligibility of ex-felons for executive appointment.

"No", stated Mrs. Woodrow. "An ex-felon would definitely be rejected. That is our policy." She continued, "There is, however, one committee on which it is required by statute that two members be under 26 years of age and be in the system. The Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee presently has one man and one woman ex-offender in its membership, benefitting from the experience and perspective gained while in the system. It's sad that so many other groups aren't allowed to use this resource. In purpose, if not in practice, Oregon is still an 'equal opportunity employer'."

The inmates appreciated Mrs. Woodrow's honesty and straight answers. It was not the normal type of audience one would find a member of the Governor's staff speaking to, but the most important point proven by Mrs. Woodrow was that she and 50 state prisoners were able to communicate without any misunderstanding. And the inmates appreciated every moment of it.

Neighborhood clean-up scheduled

"Turning Trash Into Cash" is the theme to be tested during the upcoming clean-up and recycling day planned for the King-Humboldt area of Northeast Portland on Saturday, October 6. Six one-day drop centers will be accepting all yard debris, glass, and tires from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with staffing provided by neighborhood volunteers and Boy Scout Troup 71.

Besides offering residents free dumping in order to remove code violations and eyesores, this project will attempt to recycle almost all the yard brush, tires, scrap metal, paper and glass that will be coming out of the two neighborhoods, according to Bruce Etlinger, coordinator of the Neighborhood Environment. The proceeds from recycling of these materials are to be divided between the two neighborhood associations in order to defray costs of future clean-ups.

Two major drop centers will be at the King School parking lot at 4906 N.E. 6th and Farmer John's Restaurant at 230 N. Killingsworth, where volunteers will meet for a kick-off breakfast at 7:30 a.m. Four satellite drop sites will be at Fred Meyer parking lot on 6th and Emerson, Humboldt School Playground, a vacant lot on Union and Mason, and Albertsons at 909 N. Killingsworth.

Seniors and handicapped persons unable to haul their discards can arrange for a free curbside pick-up by contacting the Northeast Neighborhood Office.

Surveys conducted jointly by City inspectors and neighborhood associations have identified code violations and then rated the improvements during follow-up surveys after clean-ups were over. To date over half the code violations have been voluntarily corrected through the use of publicity urging use of drop centers with collection and disposal services often donated.

Over 200 code violations were found in King-Humboldt during the pre-clean-up survey on September 8.

The entire City Council has been invited to participate in the clean-up and share refreshments with volunteers at 3 p.m. at Farmer John's. Neighborhood associations, civic and youth groups interested in sponsoring clean-up and recycling projects should contact Sterling Bennett at 248-4106.

"Civilization is a limitless multiplication of unnecessary necessities."
Mark Twain

Conference studies Africa

A Northwest conference on Southern Africa will be held in Portland, on October 26 to 28, 1979.

The conference will begin with films about Africa on Friday evening, continue with workshops on Saturday, music Saturday night, and conclude with a session on where we go from here on Sunday.

Southern Africa organizing will be the focus of the conference, with workshops on specific action issues and tactical skills. There will also be informational workshops.

The conference is being sponsored

by the Portland and Seattle American Friends Service Committees and People for Southern African Freedom in Eugene, with other groups and individuals in Washington and Oregon very active planners and participants.

Sliding scale registration is \$3 to \$6, with a \$1 discount for preregistration. Childcare, housing and food will be available. Contact People for Southern African Freedom/Northwest Conference, 1414 Kincaid, Eugene, Oregon 97401, telephone (503) 485-1755 for more information.

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TESTIMONIALS

1) Miss Joyce J.W., Portland, OR., was in a fix where she could not find or keep a good man. I, Rev. Hoskins, removed the fix and the jinx from her. NOW she can draw the man of her desire to her like a magnet.

2) Mr. & Mrs. C.P. of Compton, CA., could not win the BIG one. They called Rev. Hoskins and Rev. sent them a for-sure win blessing money hand. They went to Las Vegas and their luck kept on coming, winning more than \$16,000.

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5) Mrs. O.L., Long Beach, CA., had demons in her body, and in her home, causing all kinds of bad luck, and unnatural sickness. She called Rev. Hoskins and in 72 hours her home and body were free of unclean spirits.

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- the key to poverty
- the key to lack of moeny
- the key to disrespect

Can you identify the keys to:

- maintaining a successful business
- finding and holding a good job
- raising a successful family

Answers to these questions will be shared by Dr. Thomas Boothe, Director of Marketing for American State Bank and author of the Follow-Through Concept. During the month of November, call 284-7997 for schedules.