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Hughley chosen for council

Grassroot News, N.W.—Marie Hughley, curriculum coordinator at King School, became the first Oregon classroom teacher to be appointed to the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE). "I have no idea why I'm the first one in Oregon. I think I was nominated by the Portland Association of Teachers. I received a call from D.C. telling me I was considered for the post and would I accept. Later my appointment came through."

Mrs. Hughley explains what NCATE responsibilities are. "They monitor and evaluate teacher education programs. A college has accreditation for seven years and then the college asks for a renewal. This body (NCATE) either denies or grants new accreditation. New colleges apply and we would evaluate whether the teacher training program will receive accreditation. There are eight teachers, eight college administrators and eight people from other organizations who sit on the board. Along with two individuals from the office of Education. The board consists of 26 people." As a classroom teacher Mrs. Hughley feels she is prepared to evaluate student teachers just coming out of college.

Among the battle cries of education is the fact that a student can sit in class for 12 years and never learn how to read. "It's as much a puzzle to teachers as it is to anyone else. We are constantly testing and trying new programs to help the student learn. For the reason you just stated came the push to go back to the basics. Basic reading, language arts and mathematics are the emphasis now, because for some reason there has been a gap in the basic skills training. If that foundation is strengthened then everything else will fall into place."

Nowadays, when you bring up the career of teaching, the burn-out syndrome is considered. "There was a study done up at the Health Science Center on stressful occupations and teaching rated near the top. Part of the reason for that is the discipline problem has increased. Along with the restrictions placed on teacher creativity. We have a lot of hard working teachers who take homework home and put in a lot of extra hours. So, there is burn-out in every profession where people work hard."

Ms. Hughley says its the milieu of



MARIE HUGHLEY

problem for the teachers of the '80s. "Children are different. They are more assertive because they are exposed to a lot more today, because of T.V. and travel. They are brighter and this leads to some defiance and disrespect. Children today feel their rights are being violated when rules are applied." She says she doesn't find a discipline problem at King and calls the teachers and students, "impressive."

Ms. Hughley believes time is a good teacher's greatest enemy. "The curriculum requirements are so much that we do not have enough time to cover all areas with our students. We only have six hours in a day and a very creative teacher might have ideas which go beyond that. I worked in four schools in the Portland area and King is where we have the strongest staff."

As a new member of the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education, Mrs. Marie Hughley will spend a week in Washington, D.C. and Maryland for training.

"The first full council meeting will be in March. We will have material to evaluate from teams which were sent out to various colleges. We will go over to see if the colleges are meeting the standards set by the council."

No matter how much training a teacher receives, if a teacher doesn't feel it in her heart she might as well not teach. "You have to love teaching. The only time I'm truly happy is when I have a class full of students. This is the true test of a teacher. Whether or not she loves and can feel it."

Street Beat

by Lanita Duke and Richard Brown

With Christmas here and gone, the Street Beat team wondered, "Is the Christmas of 1982 different from other Christmases?"



Kathy Newton
Co-editor

It will be different in little ways but it will remain the same. We aren't spending as much but doing more.



Robert Olive
Unemployed

For the blacks it's a money crunch. I didn't get my kids anything because I've been out of work for six months. It ain't worth looking.



Ellen Allega
Unemployed

I only celebrate every other year and this is an off year. People are friendly this year rather than in a rush to buy. It's slower and that makes it nice.



Chris Winkley
Elect. Technician

No, nothing much has changed. Santa Claus is still alive. I'm not much of a holiday person and it takes care of all my spare money.



Archie Dean
Unemployed

I'm out of a job this year. I have an 11- and a 12-year old. Every year I've been able to buy them something except this year. No money, no presents. I'm not even drawing unemployment. It's tough.



Allen Williams
Student

I just did six years and I've been out six months and all the Christmases are the same.



Gene Brendler acts as a master of ceremonies for Lou Rawls Parade of Stars television special to benefit the Negro College Fund. While the program was being aired on KPTV the public called in pledges. (Photo: Richard Brown)

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