

TRIP Programs for Disadvantaged Students: A Backgrounder

Our nation has asserted a commitment to providing educational opportunity for all Americans regardless of race, ethnic background or economic circumstances.

In support of this commitment, Congress established a series of programs to help disadvantaged students enter college, graduate, and move on to participate more fully in America's economic and social life. They are funded under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and are known as TRIO Programs.

While student financial aid programs are designed to help students overcome financial barriers to higher education, TRIO Programs are designed to help students overcome class, social and cultural barriers to higher education. They provide information, counseling, academic instruction, tutoring, assistance in applying for financial aid, encouragement and support.

TRIO Programs—Upward Bound, Talent Search, Student Support Services, and Educational Opportunity Centers—provide the support that gives students the hope and skills needed to succeed in college.

TRIO Programs help almost 500,000 disadvantaged students each year at a cost of less than \$180 million dollars annually. Two thirds of TRIO stu-

dents come from families with incomes of less than \$18,000 per year; most are academically underprepared; and most must overcome tremendous class and social barriers in order to participate in higher education.

The majority of TRIO students—65 percent—are members of minority groups: 41 percent are black, 17 percent are Hispanic, four percent are American Indian and three percent are Asian. A substantial number of TRIO students—35 percent—are white. Fourteen thousand TRIO students are physically handicapped.

At Portland State University, the Student Support Service/Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) serves 276 students; 78 percent are members of minority groups; 92 percent are low-income, and 90 percent are first generation college students (that is, students whose parents are not college graduates). EOP provides free tutoring, skill development classes, personal and financial aid counseling, and academic advising. Fall quarter 1986, 87 percent of the participants in the program earned a 2.00 (C) grade point average or better.

The Portland State University's Upward Bound Program serves fifty low-income first-generation students from Portland high schools. These young

people participate in an intensive eight-week summer academic program each year and receive counseling and tutoring throughout the year. The goal of Upward Bound is to prepare students for success in post-secondary education.

The BOOST Talent Search Program, which is also housed at PSU, identifies low-income high school students from around the state who have the potential to succeed in college. They actively encourage these students to consider college for their future. By providing financial aid information and helping young people select and apply for appropriate colleges, the BOOST staff opens the college door to approximately 900 students each year.

There are approximately 1,260 TRIO programs in operation nationwide at more than 800 public and private colleges and universities, and at 80 community agencies.

When a honeybee finds nectar in flowers near its hive, it returns to the hive and dances in circles to let its neighbors know where nectar can be found. When it finds nectar in flowers that are far away, it dances in the direction of the flowers.

CORRECTION

In last week's article "Police Brutality, Accident, Or Hospital Negligence?", it was indicated that Sanders was slammed to the ground and handcuffed by two police officers. The article should have read, "Mr. Sanders was slammed to the ground by one police officer." The Observer regrets any inconvenience this misprint may have caused.

Blood Pressure Clinic

A public Hypertension (blood pressure) Screening clinic is scheduled Thursday, May 7, from 1:30-3 p.m., at the King City Retirement Center, 11777 S.W. Queen Elizabeth, King City. The clinic will be staffed by registered nurses from Meridian Park Hospital, Tualatin. The clinics are scheduled the first Thursday of each month, appointments are not necessary, and there is no charge. For more information, call 692-2656.

One Day Workshop

Meridian Park Hospital, Tualatin, will offer a one-day workshop "Dealing With Difficult People" on Saturday, May 23, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the hospital.

Participants will learn how to deal positively with the anger and frustration that difficult people can cause, whether they're co-workers, clients, family or friends. Also covered will be identifying the difficult person's motivations, reinforcing positive behavior, and how to be less of a target.

Cost of the workshop is \$25, which includes lunch. For more information or to register, call the Community Education Department at the hospital, 692-2656.

Blood Pressure Clinic

A public Hypertension (blood pressure) Screening clinic is scheduled Thursday, May 21, 1987, from 1:30-3 p.m. at Meridian Park Hospital, Tualatin. The clinic, staffed by hospital nurses and auxiliary volunteers, will be held in the first floor cafeteria conference rooms. There is no charge, and no appointment is necessary. For more information, call 692-2656.



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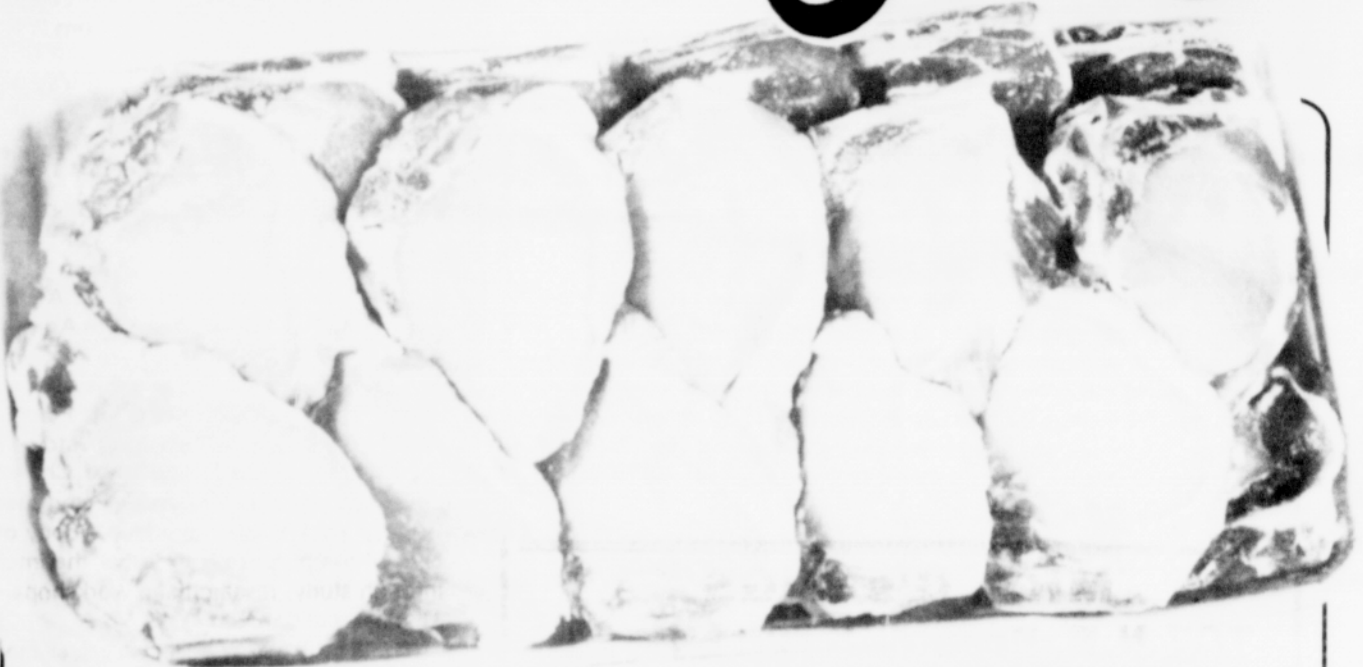
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