# OHSU Celebrates New Pediatric AFS Administrator **Intensive Care Unit**

It was just the flu. Or that's what they thought at first, until 13-year-old Amy Ryan from McMinnville became severely ill for some unknown reason. Her family physician felt the uniqueness of her situation required additional health care expertise. He called for the Oregon Health Sciences University's emergency transport system to rush Amy to Doernbecher Children's

Just a few days after the physician's referral on the night of April 24, 1986, Amy's heart stopped - one, two, three times. Her parents watched in disbelief as the pediatric health care team at Doernbecher brought their daughter back to life and back to her family.

A year later, Amy is now an active and health high school student. Her parents say it's a miracle. Yet, she is just one example of the many children from the Northwest served by the professionals of the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit at Doernbecher. Begun in 1956, the unit was the first of its kind

#### A Celebration of Continued Excellent Pediatric Health Care

Now critically ill children like Amy will have the advantage of new stateof-the-art technology and expanded pediatric health care services when the renovated Doernbecher's PICU is officially opened with a ceremony May 27th, 10 a.m., at University Hospital (south), floor 13B.

Amy and her family will be there to help celebrate, as well as other patients, the health care professionals and community supporters of Doernbecher. Dr. Leonard Laster, OHSU president, will present an honorary key of the PICU to Alyce Cheatham, the president of the Doernbecher Children's Hospital Guild. Donations made through the Doernbecher Guild and the Children's Miracle Network Telethon provided more than half the fund-

### Private and Public Sectors Join Efforts to Help NW Children

All funds for the PICU renovation were derived from private contributions. No state funds were used. More than \$750,000 was provided by the contributions made through the Doernbecher Children's Hospital Guild and the Children's Miracle Network Telethon. The remaining funds were obtained from private gifts made to the OHSU designated in support of Doernbecher Children's Hospital.

Together, the private and public sectors are doing an outstanding job on behalf of the children of this state," says Laster. "These individuals and groups can take great pride in their involvement in this effort.

### New PICU - New Technology and Expanded Services

The New facility, expanded from 1,800 square feet to 4,000 square feet, offers improved isolation capabilities and more family and staff support space. The unit's new technology includes an updated central monitoring system, automated blood pressure machine and an external cardiac pacer. In addition, a new piped-in utility system for oxygen and air suction apparatus has been added.

The OHSU's pediatric critical care transport system, which brings in a major portion of the unit's patients, will also be expanded due to the renovation. The transport system now lands on the OHSU's new heliport,

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Health Sciences University. Amy, now a softball pitcher for the McMinnville Grizzlies, was saved by health care professionals at the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit at Doernbecher Children's Hospital last year after her heart stopped three times.

located next to the university's emergency room.

The new PICU is the first step toward the renovation of the children's

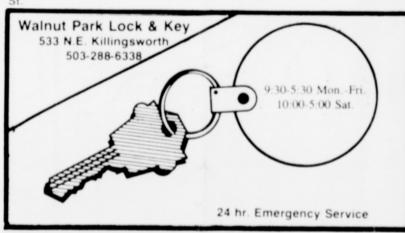
Doernbecher is a 107-licensed bed hospital providing nearly 500 physicians and nurses who care for more than 20,000 children each year

# 13 Portland Public Schools to Graduate 2,750 Seniors

from May 26 to June 5.

Graduation ceremonies will be held at the Civic Auditorium, 222 S.W. Clay St., for students at Portland's large high schools and at the individual alterative schools for students of those programs.

Graduation dates and times are: Jefferson High School, Thursday, May 28, 8 p.m.; Metropolitan Learning Center, Friday, may 29, 8 p.m. at MLC, 2033 Glisan St.; Marshall High School, Sunday, May 31, 1 p.m.; Cleveland High School, Sunday, May 31, 4 p.m.; Franklin High School, Sunday, May 31, 8 p.m.; Madison High School, Monday, June 1, 7:30 p.m.; Roosevelt High School, Tuesday, June 2, 7 p.m.; Lincoln High School, Wednesday, June 3, 8 p.m.; Benson High School, Thursday, June 4, 7 p.m.; Vocational Village, Friday, June 5, 8 p.m. at Vocational Village, 5040 S.E. Milwaukie



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# to Hear Welfare Reform Ideas

human services officials to Portland to hear welfare recipients tell what they need to get off welfare.

Freddye Petett, Adult and Family Services head administrator, and Janis Yaden, Governor Goldschmidt's human resources advocate, will be in Portland June 1 for a 7 p.m. public hearing at Grant High School cafeteria. They will hear a group of low income people, caseworkers and other social service agency workers tell what they think must be done to move low income people towards self-sufficiency.

The hearing was organized by the Portland Chapter of the Oregon Human Rights Coalition (OHRC), and Portland Public Schools Headstart Parent Policy Council. The two groups have also invited a number of state

Contrary to many people's image of welfare recipients, many want to get off the rolls and move towards self-sufficiency. But they can't because of flaws in the welfare system. For example, current rules do not allow childcare payments while mothers on welfare are receiving schooling. Neither do they allow welfare mothers to get volunteer experience training while still receiving welfare grants. Such rules hinder these women from gaining marketable job skills. These situations would be remedied under HB2760, a bill supported by OHRC. It is up for a vote in mid-June.

Another factor which discourages welfare recipients from getting a job is a rule which counts money the state pays for childcare as part of income. So when welfare recipients take initiative to make some income, they often lose remaining partial welfare grants. This means they may actually reduce their income by going back to work, and reduce it to a point where they can no longer support their families. Another bill supported by OHRC, HB2319, would remove childcare subsidies from income calculations, as well as increase the subsidy rate from 93 cents to one dollar an hour. It is also coming up for a vote in June.

Other welfare reform legislation supported by OHRC will likely be discussed in the hearing. It includes:

- HB 3361, which would provide pre-natal care to people with incomes up to 200 percent of poverty level, and would provide pre-natal care for people in many rural areas who now cannot get it.
- A proposed directive for Adult and Family Services to monitor physicians care organizations and health maintenance organizations that contract to care for welfare recipients, so problems with low-income access to health care can be resolved.
- Reinstating appropriations for medical care for parents with incomes up to 133 percent of welfare levels.
- · Reinstatement of 12-month, two-parent welfare.
- Direction of two-percent-over-budget tax receipts into the Department of Human Resources, rather than into tax refunds.

Those who wish to testify should contact Olga Talley at Portland Public Schools Headstart, 280-5724.

### Jefferson High Reunion

Jefferson High School's class of 1957 will hold their 30th year reunion August 14th and 15th at the Columbia River Red Lion Inn. All class members are asked to contact Jack Stacey, 235-8741, for further information and to update the Class of 1957 mailing list.



