

News Around Town

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD ACADEMY NATIONWIDE COMPETITION

The United States Coast Guard Academy is now accepting and processing applications for appointment as Cadet, U.S. Coast Guard, Class of 1994. Applications are being accepted for both men and women. Appointments as Coast Guard Cadets are tendered solely on the basis of an annual nationwide competition with no congressional nominations or geographical quotas. Applications must be submitted to the Director of Admissions prior to 15 December 1989. Candidates must arrange to participate in either the College Board Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) or American College Testing Assessment (ACT) prior to or including the December 1989 ACT and SAT test administrations.

Appointments as Cadet are tendered based on the candidate's high school record, performance on either the SAT or ACT, and leadership potential as demonstrated by participation in high school activities, community affairs and/or part-time employment. Most successful candidates rank in the top quarter of their high school class and have demonstrated proficiency in both the mathematical and applied science fields.

Candidates must be unmarried at the time of appointment, have no legal obligations resulting from a prior marriage, and must have reached the age of 17 but not 22 by July, 1990.

All candidates must be assured of high school graduation by June 30, 1990. All candidates must have completed a minimum of three years of English, and three in mathematics to include algebra and plane or coordinate geometry or their equivalents, and must fulfill basic physical requirements.

Coast Guard Cadets obtain an excellent undergraduate education at no personal expense. In addition, they receive pay and allowances fully adequate to fulfill their ordinary living expenses. The constantly updated Academy curriculum leads to a Bachelor of Science degree with a strong academic emphasis on engineering and science. The selected major studies, when combined with varied elective courses, establish a solid foundation for a challenging career. Graduates of the Academy are commissioned as Ensigns in the United States Coast Guard. Selected officers may pursue further postgraduate education and specialized training at many leading civilian and military graduate or professional schools, in such fields as aviation, business administration, electronics, engineering, law and oceanography.

The young Academy graduate can look forward to a varied, exciting, and demanding career as a regular Coast Guard Officer. Under the Department of Transportation, the Coast Guard performs a variety of missions. These include search and rescue operations by ship and plane, maintenance of advanced electronic and other aids to navigation around the globe, operation of icebreakers which clear the way for all polar expeditions, and enforcement of marine law and all aspects of merchant marine safety. In addition, the Coast Guard has responsibility for boating safety and marine environmental protection.

To obtain an application or further information write: Director of Admissions, U.S. Coast Guard Academy, New London, CT. 06320; or call (203) 444-8501.

KNIGHTS OF PETER CLAVER LADIES AUXILIARY

The St. Martin de Porres Court 225 offers a scholarship to a deserving black student from the inner city of Portland for attendance at a Catholic grade or high school.

The Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary Court 225 is a Catholic Service Organization working to improve religious educational opportunities and community outreach.

Applicants will be selected based on acceptance in a Catholic grade/high school and financial need.

Scholarships in the amount of \$200 to \$500 will be awarded for the 1989-90 school year.

A completed application must be submitted by September 2, 1989.

For additional information, contact Geraldine Mitchell at 285-9583 evenings.

Teen-age Role Model



Gregory Lewis Brandon, a June graduate of George Middle School where he excelled in basketball, will enter Roosevelt High School this fall with some very definite goals in education and athletics.

Already sixfoot-one at age 14, the personable young man will play football and, possibly, basketball as well. Gregory, the son of Mr. Glen Brandon, a local craftsman, exhibited great promise in the Pop Warner League last year. He has also shown exceptional abilities in track, baseball, soccer and swimming.

Gregory has a love for mathematics, his favorite subject being Algebra. With encouragement from his father, he plans a college major in Electrical Engineering. Go for it young man!

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER OPEN FOR FALL ENROLLMENT

Fall enrollment is now open at St. Vincent de Paul Child Development Center, 44 NE Morris, near Emanuel Hospital. The center welcomes applications for child care for two-to-five-year olds. Hours of operation are 6:45am to 6pm five days a week.

The center follows a development curriculum that focuses on each child's needs and growth potential, and it offers a comprehensive speech and language program directed by a speech specialist. It has offered child care for 50 years to North and Northeast neighborhoods. A United Way agency, the center's fees are based on a sliding scale.

For enrollment information, please call 288-0188.

Goldschmidt to Visit Columbia Villa

Gov. Neil Goldschmidt will tour Columbia Villa Housing Project today, August 24, at 2 p.m. The purpose of the visit, which will begin at University Park Community Center, 9009 N. Foss, is to see the results of the Community Service Project. Operated by 28 agencies, including United Way, Multnomah County, City of Portland, Housing Authority of Portland, Portland Public Schools, and Multnomah County Sheriff's Department, the project's goal is to improve the quality of life, reduce crime, and reduce the fear of crime for area residents.

Results from the SWING (Students With Interest in Growth) Program, operated with \$120,000 from United Way by Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, YMCA, Camp Fire and Boys & Girls Clubs, will be announced. Since June, 175 children, ages 5 through 16, have participated. Several of the youth will share their success stories with Goldschmidt.

MINIMUM WAGE TO INCREASE SEPT.1

On Sept.1, Oregon's minimum wage will go from \$3.35 to \$3.85 an hour. Oregon will join 14 other states, the District of Columbia, Guam and the Virgin Island with minimum wages exceeding the federal \$3.35 an hour rate.

One of the most hotly debated bills of the 1989 Legislature, the increase is the first since 1981 when Congress approved the \$3.35 payment. Our legislature followed suit in 1983.

All employers currently exempt from state wage laws because they are covered by the federal Fair Labor Standards Act must pay the new, higher state rate beginning Sept. 1, and comply with other state labor law provisions.

The new law also means the Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries will become the enforcement agency. The U.S. Department of Labor currently has jurisdiction on minimum wage payments for roughly 92 percent of Oregon employees under a complicated formula involving interstate commerce and gross business receipts.

The shift to state jurisdiction creates a major challenge for the Bureau's Wage and Hour Division. Administering the new law involves only enforcement but a massive public education program. The legislature, however, failed to provide the resources when it approved Senate Bill 335. We plan to go to the Emergency Board for the necessary dollars on Aug. 31-Sept.1.

The Bureau has adopted temporary rules, effective until Jan. 1, 1990, interpreting the requirements under the higher minimum wage. Because of the time crunch, we could not hold public hearings. Rest assured that before we adopt permanent rules there will be extensive public hearings and forums.

The new \$3.85 an hour minimum wage is the first of three increases approved by the legislature. The rate bumps up again on Jan. 1, 1990, to \$4.25 an hour. On Jan. 1, 1991 it will rise to \$4.75 an hour.

Although the major focus has been the increases several other changes were made which I would like to discuss briefly.

First, more workers will be covered. For example, some agricultural workers that were exempt under the federal minimum wage requirements are being covered by the state law--the only exemptions being piece rate harvesting on a casual basis, pruning and range production of livestock. The higher minimum applies to migrant workers. Family members working on a family farm continue to be exempt.

Individuals employed in domestic service such as housekeepers, companions or baby sitters who work in excess of 20 hours will have to be paid the minimum wage.

There will be no more exemptions for people who work out of their homes--for example telephone solicitors or manufacturing piece work.

Students employed by colleges and universities also will come under the new state minimum wage, including those participating in work-study programs. The law does not offer students employed by the primary and secondary schools they attend.

Another major change will be state mandated rest periods and lunch breaks.

Employers must provide at least two 10-minute breaks--15 minutes for minors--per eight-hour shift and a half-hour lunch break. Breaks are not required under the federal minimum wage.

The three Pacific Coast states--Washington, California and Alaska--have increased their minimum wage above the FLSA rate. Washington's minimum wage is currently \$3.85 cents an hour and will go to \$4.25 on Jan. 1. California employers pay \$4.25 minimum and Alaska \$3.85.

This is only a brief summary of some of the changes employers can expect. We look forward to our new responsibilities and we are confident the Emergency Board will provide the resources to allow us to not only enforce the new minimum wage rates but also to educate employers and the public on the provisions of the law.

War on poverty graduates convene here in Portland



Dr. Paulette Hilton-Robinson, Secretary Director of the National Job Corps Alumni Association in her return to the Portland area

by Etienne de la Plume

This week graduates from more than 26 centers of the National Job Corps assembled here in Portland to develop new policies which will enhance existing training programs all over the nation.

The National Job Corps was conceived under the Johnson administration's "War on Poverty". Since its inception more than a quarter century ago, 1.5 million persons have availed themselves of training and employment opportunities offered under the program. And yet, according to Dr. Paulette Hilton-Robinson, Secretary Director of its alumni association, "The success of

the Job Corps is one of this nation's best kept secrets."

Dr. Robinson, a former Portland resident speaks with authority. Twenty years ago she took advantage of the clerical training program offered at the Tongue Point training center. She later studied at the University of Oregon under their Upward Bound Program which is another government and privately sponsored endeavor for disadvantaged young people. After receiving her undergraduate degree she worked in several public sector jobs. She went on to do graduate work in vocational education and received the doctor of

philosophy degree. Her thesis was written on "The Influence of Mentoring on the Career Development of Business Education Graduates." It has been used as a model in some of the large public school systems, especially in the state of Pennsylvania.

According to Glen F. Lomax, Assistant Secretariat Director, more than 60,000 trainees attend some 46 centers all over the United States. Some of these programs are residential. They are geared specifically to those young people between the ages of 16 and 22 who have made a decision not to return to high school and are seeking other options to education and training. Certain infractions of the law are not an impediment to training and these opportunities are open to both men and women. In such centers they receive a small subsidy while studying to acquire a marketable skill. As in the case of Dr. Robinson, many of these young people later decide to pursue a college education.

On the local level Eldon Jones is the Region 10 director which covers both Oregon and Washington. He described the training offered at Tongue Point operated under a contract with General Electric. There, training is offered to about 400 students in seamanship which includes the operation of tugboats. Welding, electricity, business and clerical and several other skills. Other centers contemplate offering aviation maintenance in the near future.

Anyone interested in exploring any of these opportunities in greater detail should make a toll free telephone call to either 1-800-JOB-CORPS or 1-800-TRAIN-YOU.



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