

### Winter Term Enrollment Up at PCC

At the close of fourth week of winter term classes, Portland Community College reports a collegewide 11.02 percent enrollment increase from the same period last year. The figure, based on reports prepared by PCC's Institutional Research Dept., includes reports from 13 enrollment categories.

Susan Bach, PCC director of Institutional Research, reports that the period ending the fourth week, "give us a pretty clear picture of our real growth--the pattern seems to be holding."

End of fourth week reports are "a good indicator of where enrollment stands for the term because credit classes which are dropped or added must be completed by this period in order for students to receive reimbursement," Bach explained.

The 11.02 percent increase from the same time last winter term is "very respectable," she added.

Cascade Campus in north Portland is up 17.55 percent; Rock Creek Campus in Washington County closely follows with a 17.03 percent increase. The Open Campus, which operates in over 200 locations in the community offering programs in workforce training, literacy and life enrichment, reports a 16.84 percent increase and Sylvania Campus in southwest Portland shows a 5.19 percent increase.

Three instructional areas--lower division college transfer courses, professional-technical preparation courses, and adult education classes--all show solid gains from winter term, 1991.

Adult basic education classes show the most substantial gain--a 42.39 percent increase over last year. Transfer classes are up 10.69 percent over the previous year and professional-technical enrollment has increased 9.90 percent from last year.

Portland Community College has experienced consecutive enrollment gains for the last 21 terms. Enrollment increases are up 25 percent since 1986.

Enrollment increases and continued crowding were cited as primary factors in the PCC board of director's Feb. 6 decision to place a \$61.4 million 20-year general obligation bond measure on the May 19 primary election ballot.



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Organizations wishing to apply for a grant should call John Cowley at 282-7973 to obtain the required forms. All application material must be in the Black United Fund's office by 5:00 p.m. on March 15, 1992.

### United Way Helps Fill the Gap

Thanks to the generosity of nearly 5,800 contributors, the Gas Assistance Program (GAP), administered by United Way of the Columbia-Willamette, has raised \$113,517 to help people pay their heating bills.

The program, sponsored by Northwest Natural Gas Company, grants one-time assistance in paying heating costs. Although donations are sent to United Way's office in Portland, funds are distributed to community action agencies in Northwest Natural Gas Company's service area. This area runs from Southwest Washington to Cottage Grove and from the coast to The Dalles.

Since Dec. 1, United Way has provided two people to answer callers' questions about the program. These two individuals have assisted approximately 4,300 people in determining which local community agency can help them. Federal funding also is available through the Low Income Energy Assistance Program.

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### PCC Scholars Honored by Gov. Barbara Roberts

Four Portland Community College scholars were recognized by Gov. Roberts for their academic achievements Friday, February 14, at the State Capitol.

The PCC students were part of a 19-member community college all-state academic team and represented the Cascade, Sylvania, Rock Creek and Open campuses at the first-time event.

Governor Roberts congratulated the community college scholars, met with each individually, and said it was time to honor and celebrate the achievements of Oregon's community college students who too often are overlooked.

The meeting with the Governor in her ceremonial office was followed by a luncheon in their honor with the State Board of Education and Oregon community college presidents.

The event to highlight academic achievement at community colleges was organized by Dale Parnell, Oregon Community College Commissioner.

"We don't pay enough attention to the little heroes in our country," Parnell said. "We need to celebrate the scholarship and commitment to learning which goes on at our community colleges."

The four students from Portland Community College, chosen by executive deans at each campus, are: Paul Mai, Sylvania Campus; Melissa Fern, Cascade Campus; Artangia Presley, Open Campus; and Diana Wuertz, Rock Creek Campus.

Paul Mai, a northeast Portland resident, came to this country from Vietnam when he was five years old. He moved with his family from Texas to Oregon several years ago and is a second-year student at the Sylvania Cam-

pus in southwest Portland. Mai, 21, is active in student government and serves as the vice-chair of the Associated Students of Portland Community College. He is majoring in business and intends to transfer to Portland State University and earn both a bachelor's and master's degree in Business Administration with a focus on international business.

"The expanding market and global economy mean the opportunities are great for focusing on international business," he said. Mai has a 3.5 GPA.

Melissa Fern attends PCC's Cascade Campus in north Portland. Before enrolling at Cascade, she spent her time behind an 18-wheeler, crisscrossing the country as a long-haul trucker.

"I had a lot of time to think about what I wanted to do with the rest of my life," she said.

Fern decided she wanted to help people after "seeing all the damage that has been done to people from societal pressures, families. I wanted to see if I could do something about it."

The 33-year old psychology major, who has maintained a 3.95 grade-point average, plans to transfer to Portland State University this summer and eventually earn a degree in clinical psychology.

She lives in northeast Portland and decided on the Cascade Campus at PCC because, "It's small and close to home. After 17 years away from a school environment, I felt I needed an atmosphere like the Cascade Campus."

Artangia Presley, a 25-year-old mother of three young children, ages 5, 7, and 9, turned to PCC's Open Campus when she decided to make some changes in her life. The northeast Portland resi-

dent had only a 10th grade education and no prior job experience.

Presley enrolled in the Open Campus, Steps to Success program in north Portland in the fall of 1990 and according to Steps director Constance Carley, "was able to unlock her potential and discover her skills. Her classmates encouraged her by using her poetry in their completion ceremony. Artangia's self-esteem blossomed."

Presley quickly completed her GED, then enrolled in the PCC Skills Center business-clerical program at the Cascade Campus and graduated in seven months. She returned to the Steps program and served as a graduation ceremony speaker, encouraging new students.

Presley currently works as a clerical assistant in a work-experience program in order to enhance her skills and to acquire on-the-job work experience.

Diana Wuertz, 32, attends PCC's Rock Creek Campus. The mother of two school-aged children, Wuertz is a first-time college student and plans to become a high school or community college mathematics instructor. She will transfer to Portland State University.

The second-year student has a 4.0 GPA.

Her children, ages 9 and 12, and her husband who is an engineer at Intel, encouraged her to go to college. The Rock Creek resident is a parent volunteer at her children's school and also works part-time as a math tutor in the Rock Creek Campus alternative learning center.

The straight-A student said, "Before I entered college I didn't realize that I had such high personal expectations."



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