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PCC Reports Winter Term Enrollment

Headcount enrollment at Portland Community College is up 3.30 percent from the same time last year, according to end-of-fourth-week reports from the Office of Institutional Research. Headcount collegewide for winter term is at 30,377, an increase of 970 students.

Full-time-equivalent enrollment figures, however, are a modest .62 percent lower than they were last year at the same time.

Collegewide, lower-division transfer courses have flipped slightly with a 1.06 percent decrease from winter term last year. Career training programs are also down slightly, 1.52 percent. Gains are in the English as a second language classes, self-improvement courses and self-paced basic skills courses.

By campus, headcount enrollment at Sylvania in southwest Portland is up 5.17 percent with 13,920 students taking classes. Sylvania reports a .95 percent increase in lower-division courses and a 20 percent increase in self-paced basic skills classes.

Cascade Campus in North Portland has increased its headcount 2.96 percent, with the majority of the increase felt in career training programs, up 6.70 percent from the same time last year. Lower-division classes are down 2.55 percent. There are 3,166 students on campus winter term.

Rock Creek Campus in Washington County has seen an enrollment decline of 5.81 percent from winter term last year. There are 4,884 students on campus winter term, down from 5,185 last year at the same time. Declines of 3.43 percent in lower-division classes and 12.74 percent in training programs are reported. Executive Dean Betty Duvall said road construction on 185th and on the Sunset Highway may account for the drop and encouraged students to try alternate routes to the campus.

The Open Campus, which trains in some-200 sites throughout the Portland metro area, reports a headcount increase of 5.79 percent from the same time last year, with the largest increases in career upgrading classes, 10.55 percent, and career training at 7.53 percent. There is also a 4.65 percent increase in the self-improvement or personal-interest classes. There are 14,217 students taking Open Campus classes winter term. Classes are up at both the Tektronix and Ross Island Center sites.

College enrollment data is reported to the state at the end of the fourth week of each term.

Walnut Park Project To Restore Economic Hope In Northeast Portland Says Portland Mayor

BY PROMISE KING
THE WALNUT PARK PROJECT WILL RESURRECT ECONOMIC VITALITY AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE NORTHEAST COMMUNITY.

Mayor Vera Katz's wish and perhaps the wish of many northeast residents who have wallowed in abject poverty, due to harsh economic reality for too long and have lost all hope of any restoration, in better economic sense.

Last weeks' announcement by Mayor Katz that the project will usher in a new economic viability serves as good news, but residents interviewed expressed reservations, saying that until the projects actually kicks off and jobs are being given to folks there is no reason to be happy yet.

Mayor Katz, while announcing the selection of Cianci's Videoland Inc. as the project anchor tenants said "it's going to be the rebirth of the community. It's the rebirth of business in this community. This project is about partnerships".

According to the Mayor "this store promises to be a winner for Videoland, it will help make the Walnut Park Project a commercial winner, and it's one more step toward building the "Critical Mass" needed to begin restoring the N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Corridor as a center of economic vitality".

Videoland President Vic Cianci said "Walnut Park is a high-visibility, high-traffic site in an area that is undeserved and we anticipate our new



Portland Mayor Vera Katz announcing Videoland as Walnut Project anchor tenants

store there will do a high volume of business, adding that "We're pleased that our commercial goals dovetail so well with the community's

needs and look forward to a long-term relationship and partnership with the North/Northeast Portland Community"

Black United Fund Of Oregon Presents Development Plan Workshop

"The Development Plan: Creating a Vision of the Future for Your Fundraising Office" is the title of the March 30 Black United Fund of Oregon Community Forum for non-profit executive directors, board members, staff, and volunteers.

The workshop will be held Mar. 30, 9:00 am to 12:00 noon, at the Martin Luther King, Jr., branch of U.S. Bank, located at 5505 NE MLK, Jr., Blvd.

Tom Wilson, Thomas D. Wilson & Assoc., Inc., will outline the planning process to clarify participants' fundraising work and to motivate their CEO and fundraising volunteers. This seminar is offered to people frustrated by too much work, unrealistic fundraising goals, and inadequate resources for their development office. Participants are asked to bring their existing development plan and/or organizational mission statement, if they have one.

Registration for the Community Forum is \$5.00, and can be paid at the door. Attendance will be limited to 25. Free parking is available. For information call Artangia Presley at 282-7973.

Promotion, Realignment At Northwest Natural Gas



Tom Berry

Tom Berry has assumed the responsibilities of manager of public policy and state government relations and George Richardson Jr. has been promoted to manager of federal and local government relations and community affairs at Northwest Natural Gas.

Berry, who has worked for Northwest Natural Gas since 1964, has assumed expanded duties that include responsibility for lobbying in Wash-



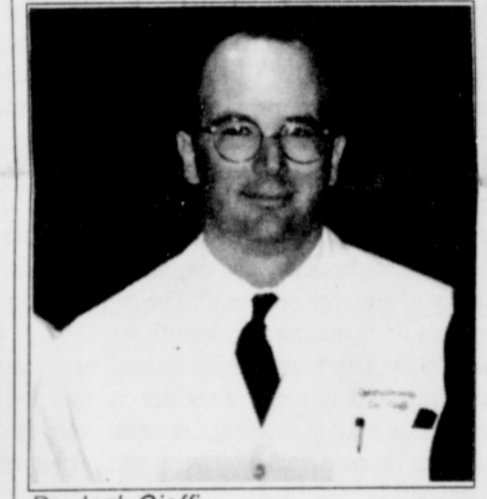
George Richardson Jr.

ington state. In addition to formulating company policy on public issues, he manages the company's governmental relations program with state governments, state executive and agency relations.

Richardson, who has worked for the company since 1965, will address the company's relations with local tri-county governments and tri-county community groups. His new duties include representing the company before Congress and federal agencies.

Devers Eye Recruits Patients

Largest-Ever National Glaucoma Prevention Study



Dr. Jack Cioffi

Devers Eye Institute Ophthalmologist Dr. Jack Cioffi is the principle investigator for the NIH-funded Ocular Hypertension Treatment Study. Devers is now recruiting patients for the study, which will determine how effective current eye pressure medications are in preventing or delaying the development of glaucoma.

Deadline For Veterans Property Tax Exemption Approaches

Disabled veterans and their surviving spouses may be entitled to a property tax exemption, but they must file by April 1 in order to be eligible. Up to \$10,000 in property value can be exempted if the taxpayer meets eligibility qualifications.

The program is only available to owner-occupied homes. The veteran must have a disability of 40% or more. Surviving spouses of disabled veterans are also eligible.

Applications must be made by April 1 to qualify for exemption in the next tax year.

Multnomah County residents can obtain application forms and more information by calling 248-3334.

Motor Fuel Quality A Question Mark In Oregon

SECRETARY OF STATE'S AUDIT RELEASED THIS WEEK ECHOES WHAT OFFICIALS WITH THE OREGON DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE HAVE BEEN SAYING FOR YEARS: OREGON NEEDS TO ADOPT A MOTOR FUEL QUALITY TESTING PROGRAM.

"Oregonians are being delivered motor fuel that couldn't be sold in most other states," says Ken Simila, administrator of ODA's Measurement Standards Division, which currently checks the volumetric accuracy of gasoline pumps in Oregon.

The review by the Secretary of State's Audits Division estimates that Oregonians spend more than \$750 million annually on gasoline that does not meet minimum quality standards. The audit uncovered cases of consumers being short-changed in addition to problems of vehicular air pollution, increased

auto repair costs, and reduction of an engine's life because of substandard gasoline.

All this has come as no surprise to the Oregon Department of Agriculture, which ran its own surveys of gasoline stations in 1987 and again in 1990.

"We checked about 100 sites and found that roughly a third of the samples of fuel couldn't be sold in other states where there are standards," says Simila. "Some of the products were misrepresented in terms of octane levels. Some contained contamination from fuel oil or diesel. In some cases, there were problems with water and sediment in the fuel. These things clearly don't enhance the performance of internal combustion engines."

The latest audit shows that these problems have not gone away. Without the threat of a quality assurance program, Oregon appears to be ripe for being a substandard fuels

dumping ground.

"We are surrounded by states that do have testing programs," notes Simila. "Being the only Pacific Coast state that does not have a testing program, we receive petroleum products that may not meet standard specifications and cannot go into states that have standards. In Oregon, there is nobody to verify that the products meet national consensus standards."

Oregon is one of only six states that does not have a motor fuel quality testing program or even a law that sets standards for motor fuels. Ironically, Oregon was one of the first to have such a program before it was discontinued five decades ago.

"Oregon was among the vanguard of states that enacted motor fuel standards back in the 1930s," says Simila. "An enforcement program was funded back then and the Oregon Department of Ag-

riculture was assigned the responsibility. Gas stations were being routinely checked by the same staff that was checking the volumetric accuracy of the gas pumps."

So what happened?

"During World War II when lots of products were rationed, gasoline became scarce," says Simila. "It was rationed and it would have been unpatriotic to produce an inferior gasoline. The State of Oregon decided that it was getting good gasoline and dropped the program, concluding it didn't need one."

Most states that had motor fuel quality programs like Oregon at the time chose to continue those programs. California has had a testing program since the 1930s and finds less than 4% of the samples taken don't meet

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