

Learning To Play Band



Children learn band and build cultural interaction skills on the Cascade Campus of Portland Community College on North Killingsworth Street.

Summer Music Camp For Inner City Kids

Thirty inner-city children, ages 8 to 10, are learning rhythm, movement, composition and improvisation during a week-long summer music camp at Portland State University, sponsored by PSU and Self-Enhancement, Inc. The children are getting hands-on music experience with PSU music faculty and area experts who volunteer their time. Each afternoon the children also will interact with guest role models, including: PSU President Judith Ramaley, the St. Laurence String Quartet (from Chamber Music Northwest), jazz bass player Andre St. James, and jazz singer Shirley Nanette.

Room 75 Lincoln Hall on the PSU campus. Saturday, July 16, at 7 p.m. they will perform at Powell's Bookstore at SW 10th & Broadway.

As part of the project, six scholarships will be awarded, offering children free piano lessons and loaned pianos for a year.

"It's been amazing to see the response from the community," says Kogen. "So many people have donated their time, effort, and thousands of dollars in equipment. I really believe that music is the food of peace," she says. "Music heals the soul and can truly alter children's lives."

Ray Leary, of Self-Enhancement, Inc.'s capital campaign team, credits Kogen with being the driving force behind what everyone hopes will become an annual project.

"Her energy pushed this thing through," he says. "It's a pilot effort. The first music camp we've taken part in. But it's a great opportunity for everyone involved."

Leary applauds this opportunity for children to be exposed to a college setting, to learn about a university and its offerings, and also to know that PSU is available to them. "This camp is also a great opportunity for PSU staff to be involved in an urban prevention effort," he says.

"And they can't help but benefit from knowing about the diverse cultures that make up the urban environment."

"This project has been a real labor of love, says coordinator Mary Kogen, associate professor of music at Portland State. "Yamaha has loaned 30 electronic keyboards for the week for the children to take home and practice on. Adidas donated t-shirts. Wonderful role models from the community will interact with the children each afternoon. And people like percussionist Joel Bluestone, singer/choir director Judy Rose, and composer Cynthia Gerdes have donated instruction time." Kogen spearheaded the project and will herself teach the children piano.

The week will culminate in two free public concerts. Friday, July 15, at 7 p.m., the children will perform their own compositions or improvised works in

Freightliner And PCC Embark On New Training Program

Portland Community College has been awarded \$101,364 in lottery funds from the Oregon Economic Development Department to train 350 new Freightliner employees under a planned Portland expansion of the national truck manufacturing company.

Freightliner Corp. has committed an additional \$180,992 in matching funds for the training, which develops workforce programs customized to Freightliner's education needs.

"This program will provide an excellent opportunity for entry level workers to gain high-skill, well-paying jobs," said Bill Scott, director of Oregon Economic Development Department. "There is a tremendous opportunity for a long-term partnership between the college and Freightliner."

Grants of this type are awarded to community colleges, which tailor training programs to meet specific company needs. Dr. Dan Moriarty, president of Portland Community College, said, "We are very pleased to provide the training needed by Freightliner and help the company grow in this area."

"The knowledge and skills of our employees are more important than ever," said Jim Hebe, Freightliner president and CEO. "We need to at-

tract and train new people to keep up with our growth and capacity expansions. But equally important, we have an obligation and commitment to re-invest in our existing people. We can't expect an employee who was hired and trained 10 years ago to be prepared to handle the technologies of tomorrow. Without having good people to begin with, a good education system to depend on, and the best internal training programs to build on, we'd never meet our customers' expectations for continual innovation and unremitting product quality.

"Freightliner and Oregon have created the opportunity for our employees and our citizens to keep growing and keep raising their skill levels to better ensure both Freightliner's future and the future of this state. This training grant will benefit our present 2,370 Oregon plant employees and will help us build the trucks that build the demand for many more employees in the future.

"Our success will reverberate through the region with the success of our suppliers with an expanded tax base and higher-skilled, family-wage jobs," Hebe said.

Freightliner Corporation, the leading manufacturer of heavy-duty trucks in North America, employs 8,332 people in the U.S. and Canada,

of which 3,700 work in Oregon at its corporate headquarters, truck plant and parts plant. The plants operate at

three shifts a day and have been continually increasing employment over the last three years.

Packwood Announces Application Period Now Open For Service Academy Classes

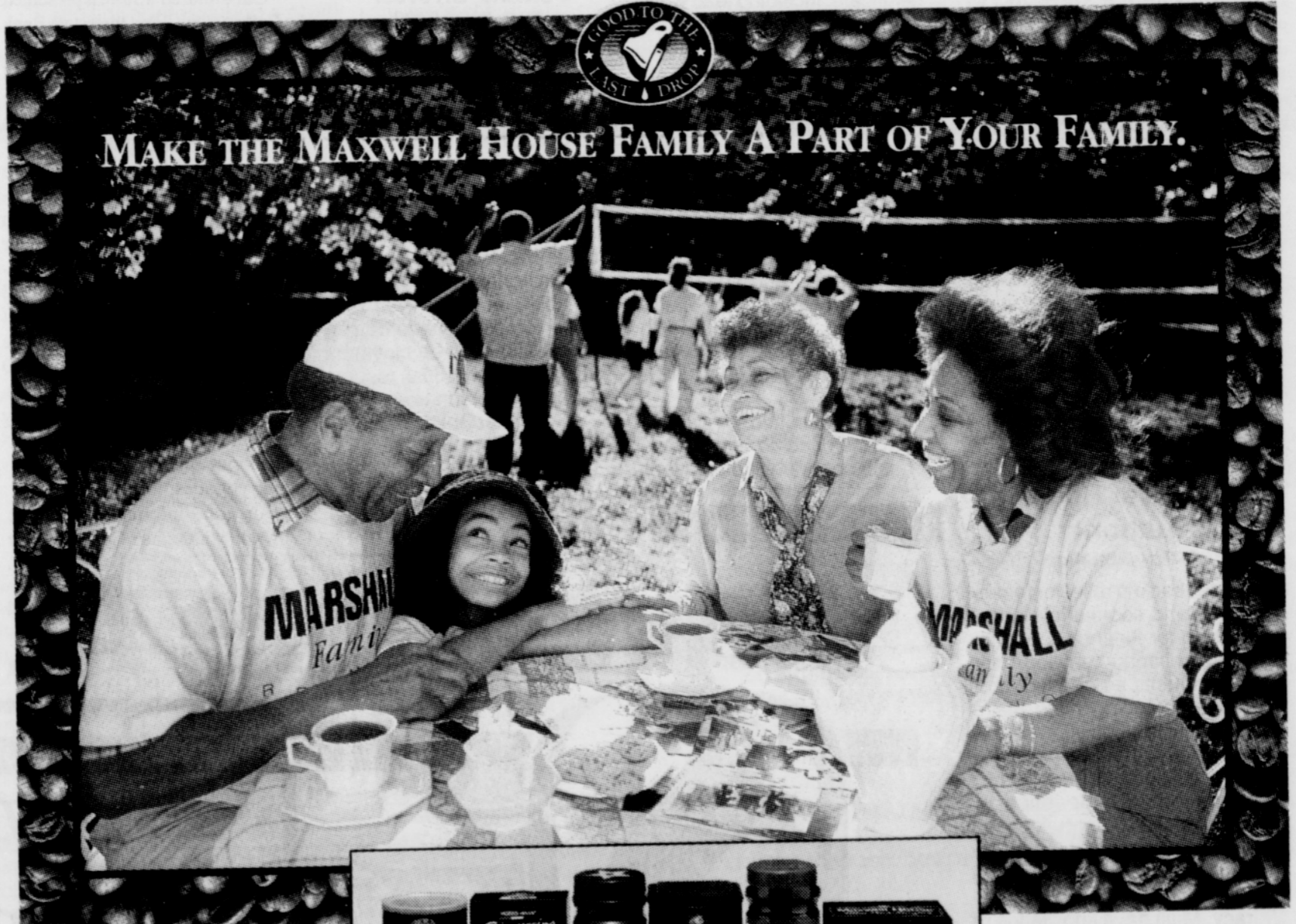
The application period for the United States Military Academy, the United States Naval Academy, the United States Air Force Academy, and the United States Merchant Marine Academy is now open for the class entering in 1995. In order to be admitted to one of the U.S. service academies, students must be nominated by at least one of their U.S. Senators, their congressional Representative, and/or Vice President Gore.

To open an application file with Senator Packwood, students must have completed their junior year (11th grade) in high school and submit a letter to the Senator requesting that a file be opened for them. Upon receipt of this letter, a file for candidate application mate-

rials will be opened for the student. Information on the application process will be mailed to the applicant once the file is opened.

The deadline for all application materials to be submitted for the class entering in 1995 is November 30, 1994. Students should see a guidance counselor for information on the programs and requirements for each service academy. Students with questions about the application process should contact Suzy Fischer in Senator Packwood's Portland Office at 326-3370. Letters requesting that an application file be opened should be addressed to:

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