

Recruitment Begins For 1995-96 Year

The Northwest Service Academy is looking for people who want to make a difference in their communities and earn money for college while doing so. "If you're looking to further your education and looking for a challenge in your life, then I would say, 'Yes! Do this!' What we're doing is going to affect the future," says Carl Lampman, White Salmon resident and current NWSA member.

In return for one year of service (1700 plus hours), member will earn an educational award of \$4,725 good for tuition at an accredited college of their choice or vocational school. The voucher may also be used to pay off existing student loans. Members also receive a weekly living allowance. Most importantly, they gain the sense of satisfaction that comes from helping others and "giving back" to the community.

The Northwest Service Acad-

emy is part of AmeriCorps, the national service program created by Congress with strong bi-partisan support in 1993. AmeriCorps/NWSA focuses on community revitalization and environmental restoration. Projects have included riparian restoration, outdoor school programs, wildlife habitat restoration, trail building, Habitat for Humanity construction, historical preservation, and many other successes in the communities along the Columbia River.

The service academy is now accepting applications for the service year beginning September and running through August 1996. The academy plans to recruit approximately 100 members in two centers, one in Trout Lake, Washington and the other in the Portland Metro area. All applications must be received by June 15. For more information and an application call (503) 695-3740.

Portland Painters Go Public

Seventeen Portland artists have started a three week task to create huge paintings covering 1,000 linear feet of plywood fence surrounding the construction site of the future MAX station in the parking lot between the Washington Park Zoo and World Forestry Center.

The completed paintings in the Washington Park fences project will be unveiled to the public at an opening celebration Tuesday, June 6 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. The paintings, sponsored by Tri-Met's Westside MAX Public Art Program and the Regional Arts Culture Council, will be on view through mid-1996.

Artists are Rick Austin, Manda Beckett, Jim Blashfield, Michael Brophy, Rebecca Campbell, Judy Cooke, Kay French, the collaborative

team of Gregory Grenon and Mary Josephson, David Haggood, Stephen Hayes, Angela Medlin, William Park, Lucinda Parker, Laura Ross-Paul, Phil Sylvester and Margo Thompson.

The paintings range in length from 40 to 144 feet -- a scale rarely available to artists, according to curator Kristy Edmunds, who worked with the artists during the winter to plan the exhibition. The painters will be mixing their paints from three primary colors, plus black and white.

The painters will work between May 13 and June 2. The site is a busy traffic area as well as an active construction zone, so visitors are urged to be very cautious. Written guides to the artists and their work are available from Tri-Met at 239-2150.

Serious Questions Raised By Domestic Terrorism

The tragic bombing of the Oklahoma City federal building has awakened a new fear of terrorism in America, and raised serious questions about paramilitary activity taking place inside the United States.

At this week's program, David Fidanque will explain why he believes broad free speech rights may be the most powerful weapon in the fight against hate groups. Lee Teitworth will discuss the FBI's role in defending our communities against domestic terrorists, and will examine proposals developed by the Clinton Administration in response to the Oklahoma City tragedy. Bill Wassmuth will explore the issues that motivate hate groups and the rhetoric that drives the militia movement.

This timely discussion will be moderated by award-winning televi-

sion reporter and anchor Lars Larson.

The event is held at the Benson Hotel, Mayfair Room. Program runs from 12:15 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. Lunch reservations and cancellations, call 222-2582 by 2 pm Thursday, May 25; \$11 members, \$15 non-members.

Gold Favors Elimination Of Corporate Kicker Law

The Oregon Senate has a golden opportunity to do a favor for all Oregonians this week, according to Senator Shirley Gold (D-Eastside Portland). She's urging her colleagues to eliminate the corporate kicker law starting in 1997.

Senator Gold's proposal is part of the HB 2202 minority report, which is expected to come before the Senate this week. The bill changes the kicker payout so that taxpayers will receive a check in December instead of receiving a tax credit on their 1995 tax returns. Senator Gold's minority report does that, plus it adds a clause that would repeal the corporate kicker after this payout. The repeal would take effect in the 1997-99 biennium. Under her proposal, the personal kicker would not change.

"The Oregonian called the kicker law a ridiculous Oregon tax policy in a May 14 editorial," said Gold. "The editorial said the kicker requires clairvoyance in economic forecasting." The kicker law says that if state revenues are 2% more than what was forecasted at the beginning of the biennium, the surplus must be refunded. "It puts us in a position of almost hoping that the economy won't grow too much," Boid said. "The Oregonian said it best - 'this is nuts.'"

This year's kicker refund will give corporations a 54% tax reduction next year. Individual taxpayers, on the other hand, are getting a tax credit of just under 6%. "It's just another tax loophole for the wealthy. It's time we got rid of it."

Another bill, HB 2263, would get rid of the kickers. That bill has been stalled in the House. Senator Gold says her minority report on HB 2202 would give the Senate the opportunity to do the right thing on the kicker issue.

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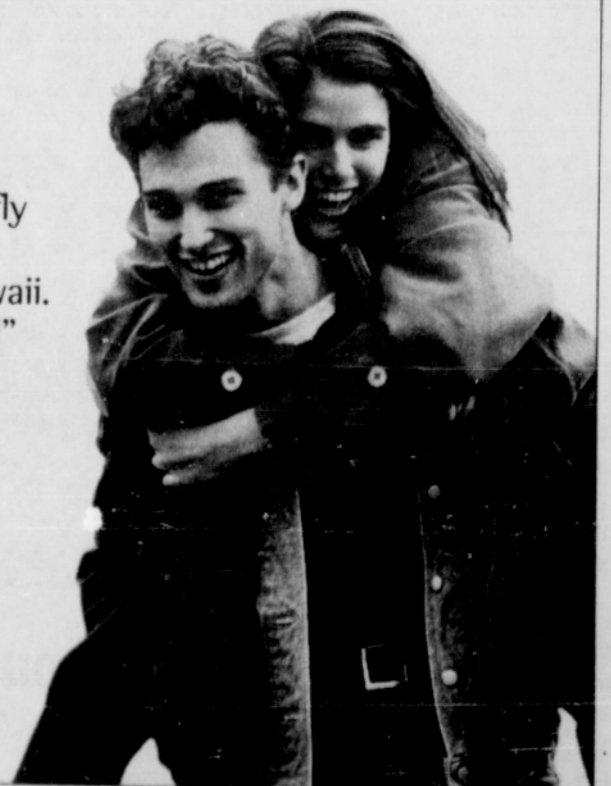
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