

Education

PCC Compresses Year's Classes

This summer students at Portland Community College will be able to squeeze a year's worth of course credit into one short summer. Dozens of classes will be offered in this condensed format at both the Sylvania and Cascade campuses.

"We wanted to give our students an opportunity to academically make the most of their summer," said Don McInnis, vice-president of education-

al services. "We have offered the compressed format in the past, but on a much smaller scale.

"Our research tells us there are a number of students home from college who would take advantage of this approach, as well as high school graduates and others who want to get a head start on their college career.

McInnis said students must be pre-

pared to immerse themselves in their selected course of study. Some of the course offerings include biology, literature, chemistry, psychology, pre-calculus, French, German, Japanese. Accounting, sociology, literature and statistics are also offered.

Classes that generally run 10 or 11 weeks are three to four weeks long and earn three credits. Many are offered in a series so students can com-

plete a year's worth of study in one summer.

Classes begin Monday, June 17. Telephone registration for returning students begins May 20. New students can register as early as May 25. Fax, mail and walk-in registration starts on May 28.

The summer schedule, mailed May 15, has more information about classes.

PUC To Help Update Oregon Schools

State Schools Superintendent Norma Paulus asked the Public Utility Commission to help bring the information superhighway to all Oregon public schools. She will address the commissioners at 9 a.m. in the main hearing room of the PUC office in Salem.

Paulus asked the PUC to work with schools, the telecommunications

industry and the Governor's Telecommunications Council to help the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 realize its goal of making modern communications available, accessible and affordable to every classroom in the state.

The Federal Communications Commission and state public utility commissioners by Nov. 8 will ap-

prove rules to implement the federal act. The FCC wants to hear from educators and others as it writes the rules.

"We have a window of opportunity to design a system to bring modern technology to every classroom," said Paulus. "By working together, we can craft an Oregon response to what must happen to get the job

done."

Paulus notes that the Oregon State Lottery took little time to build a statewide electronic network. "If we can wire video poker machines in taverns throughout this state, we certainly ought to be able to connect schools electronically."

The PUC office is located at 550 Capitol St. N.E. in Salem.

Academics Plus Work Equals No Debt

Students can pursue education and training in high technology without incurring college debt, thanks to the "OPT for Co-op" program being developed by the Oregon Institute of Technology.

Norma Paulus, state superintendent of public instruction, applauded the program for capitalizing on the high school Certificate of Advanced Mastery which is designed to connect high schools to advanced education.

"We know we must give every student more rigorous academic study than ever before and we know we must get more students from all so-

cioeconomic backgrounds into higher education," said Paulus.

"However, the average cost of a college education is a huge barrier for many parents. One of the most stunning things about this proposal is that high school students could continue on to advanced education and get a bachelor's degree with no debt," she said.

At a press conference this morning to announce the "OPT for Co-op" program, Paulus was joined by Keith Thomson, Intel Corp.; Joseph Cox, chancellor, Oregon State System of Higher Education; and Lawrence J. Wolf,

president, Oregon Institute of Technology.

Wolf created the program so students could opt for cooperative work and study leading to a Certificate of Advanced Mastery, associate's degree and/or bachelor's degree in electronics or computer engineering technology.

The Certificate of Advanced Mastery, created by the Oregon Educational Act for the 21st Century, requires students to meet grade 12 standards in English, mathematics, science, history, civics, geography, economics, the arts and a second language

and to apply their academic knowledge and skills by participating in internships, cooperative work-study programs, on-campus business activities or other career-related learning experiences.

"The Certificate of Advanced Mastery fits right into our program," said Dr. Wolf. "Students are going to make maximum use of their junior and senior years in high school. They are not going to be academic drifters. The Certificate of Advanced Mastery provides relevant, directed learning and prepares students for the next step of their education."

Berkeley Comes To Portland This Summer!

This summer, Berkeley Nationwide will offer five courses in Portland for business and technology professionals. Berkeley Nationwide is a division of the continuing education branch of the University of California at Berkeley.

The seminars are small, intensive courses, geared to meet participants'

current informational needs and are taught by instructors acknowledged for their professional expertise and teaching excellence.

The seminars in Portland will include: the Job of the Controller (May 21-23), Pricing for Profit (June 3-4), Software Testing and Quality Assurance (June 3-5), Automated Software Testing

(June 6-7), and Process Mapping (July 9-10).

All five courses will be held at the Benson Hotel, 309 S.W. Broadway, Portland. Enrollment is limited. A discount is available for participants who register more than thirty days in advance. Team discounts are also available.

The seminars are non-credit courses,

but participants can earn CEU's. Call (510) 643-8093 for more information.

EVERYONE'S WINS WITH READ!

Multnomah County Library's Summer Reading program and young adult Summer Reading Team has something for young people -- good books, special programs and a chance to win a very special prize: a family getaway for four to the Oregon Coast that includes three nights accommodations, tickets to the Oregon Coast Aquarium (see Keiko!) and \$200 in spending money!

Beginning June 1, Multnomah County Library invites kids of all ages to join the Summer Reading program or the Young Adult Sum-

mer Reading Team. For each level of reading completed, participants can enter the grand prize drawing for the family getaway. Other prizes in the drawing includes tickets to Portland Pride soccer games, ice skating, bowling and swimming passes, Fred Meyer gift certificates, t-shirts, caps and other fun surprises.

The library will also present more than 200 special programs this summer, including the puppet show "The Great Race," mini-soccer clinics, nautical flags and origami craft activities, a mystery in the library, scav-

enger hunts and a talk on how a comic is produced by Dark Horse Comics. A complete list of summer programs is available at any of the 15 Multnomah County libraries. Events information is also available from DYNA, the library computer or at the library's World Wide Web site (<http://www.multnomah.lib.or.us/lib/>). Weekly events are listed on the Events Phoneline at 248-5151.

Summer Reading begins June 1 and ends August 1. Go to any Multnomah County Library for more information or to sign up.

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