

# Education

## \$1 million grant to PSU

Sen. Mark O. Hatfield formally announced Portland State University's acceptance of a \$1 million information technology federal grant that upgrades public access to governmental, historical and educational information.

PSU will award the money to PORTALS (Portland Area Library System) for use on Oct. 1, 1996. PORTALS is a consortium of 14 area public and private academic institutions, the Multnomah County Library, and the Oregon Historical Society.

It provides research information and other library services electronically to its member institutions and the public.

Hatfield made the announcement at a press conference at PSU's Millar Library where PORTALS is headquartered.

"PORTALS connects the entire Northwest and undergirds our educational system with state-of-the-art technology," Hatfield said.

Hatfield was instrumental in securing the federal funds, which come from the U.S. Department of Education. This is the second major federal grant PSU and PORTALS have received for information technology improvements in the past year.

PSU and PORTALS received \$1.5 million, again through the efforts of Hatfield, in a Department of Education grant in October 1995.

"This grant helps PORTALS increase the information inventory of the Portland metropolitan area. It uses will benefit every sector of our community," said Howard McGinn, PORTALS executive director.

As part of grant, PSU's Millar Library receives \$227,527 to purchase and install online bibliographic records for 350,000 U.S. government records.

PSU serves as a government document depository, but many government documents are not currently accessible electronically.

The grant will help the Millar Library continue its latest efforts to improve information access to both the public and private sector.

## SAT prep class

A class designed to help high school juniors and seniors prepare for the Scholastic Assessment Test will be offered at Marylhurst College in October.

The class, "SAT Prep," will be held on Saturday, Oct. 5, 12, 19 and 26, from 9 a.m. to noon. The \$185 fee includes the cost of materials. Enrollment is limited.

The SAT will be administered throughout the nation Nov. 2 and Dec. 7. Results of the standardized test are used by many colleges and universities for admission and scholarship purposes.

The class will be taught by Beverley Bernert, reading, verbal and critical thinking skills specialist, and Ann Hill, a mathematics specialist. Both have designed and taught SAT preparation courses for many years.

To enroll in the class or to obtain more information, please call 699-6260.

## Unclaimed scholarships

With election year politics and confusing promises about federal student grant approvals, direct government student loans, tax credits and changes in college financial aid guidelines, many students are finding it difficult to identify and understand all of their financial aid options.

Unfortunately, many students are missing out on receiving financial assistance that is available to them.

Students taking the traditional path of relying on federal, state and institutional financial aid are becoming frustrated as they discover they can't afford to pay the increasing dollars they are asked to contribute each year.

These extra payments are straining family budgets and assets as many families try to fund schooling through burdensome debt.

Yet, unknown to many people, there are over 375,000 non-government scholarship and grant sources available which do not have to be paid back.

More than 80% of these private

scholarships do not depend on family need or exceptional grades but are awarded based on factors such as the student's interest, hobbies, academic focus, age, gender, heritage or parent's work or military service.

Remarkably, according to the National Commission on Student Financial Aid, over \$6 billion of assistance goes uncollected each year simply because students are not aware of it and do not apply for it.

Now, through the resources of the National Academic Funding Advisory (NAFA), an updated publication for 1996-'97 is available which spells out academic funding guidelines, steps students through the maze of the financial aid process and shows what's needed to secure private assistance.

For information on how to receive academic funding and scholarships send a No. 10 self-addressed, double stamped business envelope plus \$2.00 to cover handling to NAFA, 815 Middle Street, Dept. A7, Portsmouth, NH 03801.

## It takes a whole village to raise a child

Portland Public Schools has recently approved an alternative elementary school named IKONNIWA - The Village School, created and run by a non-profit organization, Operation EASY, Inc. IKONNIWA means "We are one" in Yoruba, the native language of the school's founder, Dr. Dapo Sobomehin. Dapo was raised with the reality of the popular African proverb - "It takes a whole village to raise a child."

Therefore, he has dedicated his life in American to creating village support around youth. For the past ten years that has taken the form of Operation EASY, Inc. which provides at-risk youth in North/Northeast Portland with tutoring, counseling, and mentoring services beginning in elementary school and following through high school. The results have been a 95% school retention rate in the first cohort group, which graduated from high school in June of '96.

However it is Dr. Sobomehin's desire for the youth to have a strong academic foundation and a continuing love for learning that will lead

them to become the young professionals they are capable of being. Therefore he, along with his wife, Lisa Sobomehin, have prepared a school for students struggling to obtain grade level in one or more academic areas. A team of three dedicated teachers will work with the 40 students to be enrolled in the first year. Students will enter at grades 3-5 with the goal of obtaining grade level or above in all academic areas before returning to the Portland Public Schools.

With a nurturing environment in a small teacher student ratio, where learning is relevant and interactive, it is anticipated that the children will regain their natural curiosity and self confidence that once made learning a natural part of life. That love of learning is all too often lost in the third grade, especially in African American males. The multicultural integrated curriculum will lead to an enhanced self esteem in these youth as well as a respectful appreciation for members of all cultural groups.

Those desiring to have more in-

formation about the school and enrollment are encouraged to call the school at 282-0727 during the day or Dapo Sobomehin's home at 230-2378 in the evening. Every one is welcome to an information and enrollment meeting to be held at the school on August 31st at 6:00 p.m. The school is being housed at Maranatha Church of God on 4222 NE 12th.

but also enables students to apply directly to select schools. Among the more than 50 schools accepting online applications through CollegeNET are Carnegie Mellon, Virginia Tech, University of Wisconsin, University of Sydney and Mercer University.

Schools benefit from the CollegeNET application service by receiving applications electronically, which eliminates errors and saves time and money associated with data re-entry.

"Under normal circumstances, it may take a week or longer to send out an acknowledgement," commented Caprio. "I can see how this will make it easier on everybody."

With over 1 million hits per month, CollegeNET also improves recruitment traffic because it is a common point of entry for hundreds of thousands of kids looking for a school to attend.

## College speed record set

As the world tuned into Atlanta earlier this month to catch a glimpse of history, not far away in the city of Nashville one student was quietly setting a world record of his own.

On Tuesday, Aug. 6, at 9:43 a.m. EDT, transfer student Donald Gedge prepared, paid for, and sent his admissions application to Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU) via CollegeNET. Minutes later, Mary Caprio, associate director of admissions at MTSU, updated Gedge's CollegeNET User Account acknowledging receipt of his application.

Thanks to CollegeNET, this application and acknowledgment took one hour and three minutes.

CollegeNET (www.collegenet.com), hosted by Universal Algorithms Inc. (UAI), not only offers students free access to an extensive database of colleges and universities in the United States and abroad,

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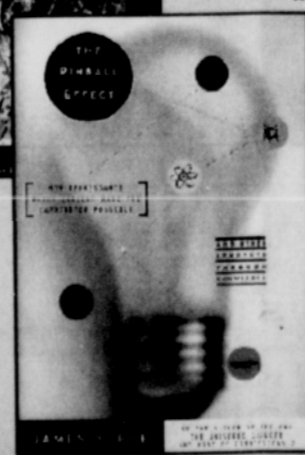
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## The past and future of science and technology



In *Nano: The Emerging Science of Nanotechnology* (Little, Brown), noted science writer Ed Regis takes us inside an imminent scientific revolution, nanotechnology. Profiling the visionary scientists and engineers who may soon make molecule-sized machines a reality, Regis explores nano's implications, from medicine and manufacturing to computing and warfare. In *The Pinball Effect* (Little, Brown), James Burke takes readers on a fascinating tour through history's most dramatic innovations—and shows "how sometimes the simplest act will have cosmic repercussions a hundred years later." For example, he shows how the solution to early colonists' malaria ultimately led to the development of better car tires, and how clingwrap had its origins in fake-lacquer furniture. This is a journey through knowledge with all the twists and turns of a detective story.



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Dawnisha Warren and Jessica Scoggin (left to right) prepare for the first call McCall "A day at the Beach" with two Woodlawn School volunteers in their last program's season. First McCall has donated tutoring, mentorship and a trip to the beach for up-close study on Oregon marine life to first graders at Woodlawn School for the past four years.

## Linfield Classes available in Portland

Schedules for fall semester courses are now available from the Linfield Portland campus, located in Northwest Portland.


The Linfield program is designed to meet the educational needs of adults who wish to complete their bachelor's degrees or receive more education while continuing to work on a full- or part-time basis. Degrees available in Portland are accounting, management, business information systems, international business, social and behavioral sciences and arts and humanities. In addition, students may complete certificates in accounting, human resource management, marketing and computer information systems. Certificates are geared for those students who wish to develop skills that can be learned in college level courses but who either already have bachelor's degree or may not be interested in pursuing a degree at this time.

Registration for fall semester classes has started and will continue through Sept. 17. For registration


and general program information, contact Janet Gifford or Pat Kestner, the local advisors, at 413-7056 or 413-7166 respectively. Office hours are 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Courses are taught at Linfield's Portland campus, located at 2215 NW Northrup and 2255 NW Northrup.

Linfield's program offers evening and weekend classes, college credit for prior learning based on work/life experience, financial aid, and local academic advising. On of the strengths of the program, according to Rich Emery, director of the Division of Continuing Education at Linfield, is the availability of Gifford and Kestner to talk to local residents about their personal degree goals and to offer suggestions on how students can design a schedule that best meets his or her needs.


Linfield College, through its Division of Continuing Education, offers similar programs in Albany, Astoria, Bend, Coos Bay, Eugene, McMinnville, Salem and Longview, Wash.



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