

# Education

## Behind-the-scenes at PNCA

Pacific Northwest College of Art is hosting a behind-the-scenes look at its classes, galleries and studios and a chance to meet talented artists during an Open House Nov. 7.

This special event will occur from 4 to 7 p.m. at the College, 1219 S. W. Park Ave. Inside PNCA's doors, the community will see:

- *The Wentz Gallery, featuring a monotype exhibition by printmakers James Lavadour and Christine Bourdette (who will be there in person) Alden Mason, Mary Josephson and James McGarrell. The artists' work will be available for purchase in the price range of \$400 to \$800, which will benefit PNCA's printmaking department.*

- *The Boyd Gallery, which is not usually open to the public, will present an exhibition of student artwork.*

- *Selected classrooms and studios will be open for visits. Visitors also may experience the computer lab and see how artists use technology as a creative tool. Come see artists working in their studios.*

- *A special drawing will be held for a \$215 gift certificate toward a Continuing Education class.*

Nov. 7 will be an evening for the community to come see who lives, works and thrives at PNCA.

Pacific Northwest College of art is an independent college offering the Bachelor of Fine Arts degree, certificate programs and continuing education classes. The College is accredited by the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges, and the National Association of Schools of Art and Design. For more information about PNCA, please call (503) 226-4391.

## POIC Executive Director retires

Rosemary Anderson, who has been Executive Director of POIC for 28 years, retired August 26, 1996.

Dr. Samuel E. Kelly has assumed the position as Interim Executive Director of Portland Opportunities Industrialization Center.

Dr. Kelly has been with the POIC organization for the past five years working in the position of Director of Education.

Dr. Kelly is well qualified. He is an educator of the highest esteem. He has a Ph.D in Higher Education Administration from the University of Washington. He was the Vice President of Minority Affairs for the University of Washington and supervised a staff of one hundred. Dr. Kelly is Professor Emeritus and a member of the graduate faculty of the University of Washington. He has served on many diverse community boards and is currently a professor at Clark College and Washington State University, Vancouver Branch. Dr. Kelly is a retired Lt. Colonel in the U.S. Army.



Dr. Samuel E. Kelly

He resides in Vancouver, Washington with his wife, Donna, and sons Bill and Samuel (at home). Daughters Heather, Brenda and Sharon are adult professionals.

POIC is greatly appreciative of Dr. Kelly for accepting the position as Interim Executive Director of the organization while a search is being conducted for a qualified permanent Executive Director.

## Catlin Gabel's 53rd Annual Rummage Sale

This year's Catlin Gabel Rummage Sale is continuing its tradition of quality merchandise at fabulous prices. The 52nd annual school rummage sale supports financial aid for children who otherwise might not be able to attend the school. The sale opens at the Multnomah County Expo Center Thursday, Oct. 31 and continues through Sunday, Nov. 3.

Hundreds of volunteers have been busy collecting, sorting and pricing goods throughout the year. All 675 students help sort and move goods to their respective "departments" so that buyers can quickly find what they need. The goods fill 21 semi-trucks and occupy over 60,000 square feet of space. In the past, merchandise has ranged from artwork and fine jewelry to vintage clothing and rare

antiques.

Marilyn Cooper, the school's rummage chair is excited for the upcoming event. "The rummage sale is a great way to raise money for a worthy cause and also bring the community a fabulous sale filled with everything imaginable."

Opening Day Sale is Thursday, Oct. 31, 5 p.m. - 9 p.m. with all items marked up 25 percent. The sale continues Friday, Nov. 1, 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.; Saturday, Nov. 2, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Sunday, Nov. 3, 10 a.m. Saturday and Sunday the famous "bag sales" offer incredible bargains - especially for clothes and books.

Catlin Gabel is an independent school with 670 students in grades pre-school through 12 in Southwest Portland.

## MegaSkills Workshops

MegaSkills Workshops for families, teachers, and care givers of elementary school children will start Wednesday, October 16th. This effective program to build student achievement is being offered this 1996-97 school year after being met with much school and community support during the initial workshop presentations during 1994-1996.

The workshops, based on the best-selling book, MegaSkills, by Dr. Dorothy Rich, are designed to help families help children learn in school and beyond. They extend the impact of the book and provide reinforcing group experiences for families.

MegaSkills are the basic values, attitudes and behaviors that determine children's achievement. They include: confidence, motivation, effort, responsibility, imitative, perseverance, caring, teamwork, common sense and problem solving.

The book and the workshops show how families can stimulate children's in school and out of school learning through easy, enjoyable home activities.

The nonprofit Home and School Institute designed these workshops. Workshops are presently conducted in 40 states and have involved more than 48,000 families. The MegaSkills Workshop leaders Samuel Wade, has been trained by the Home and School Institute to present this program.

There will be 8 workshops in the series with the first meeting set of October 16th, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m., at Sab-in Elementary School, 4013 N.E. 18th Ave., Portland, Oregon 97212. Families completing the program will receive a certificate of participation. Registration is limited. For more information, call Mr. Samuel Wade at 916-6167 or 916-6493.

## PSU honored by Peace Corps

The Peace Corps, currently celebrating its 35th anniversary year, reorganized contributions by Portland State University during a special awards ceremony Tuesday, October 22, at 5:30 p.m. at PSU in room 338 Smith Center, 1825 SW Broadway.

Dorothy Culjat, regional manager in the Corps' Seattle office, will preside. Former Peace Corps volunteers will be on hand, some in dress native to their assigned countries. In addition, a slide show presented the Peace Corps volunteer experience.

PSU has been a significant recruiting and informational resource for the Corps (within both the university community and the community at large), for at least 16 years, says Nancy Chartrand, public affairs specialist in the Corps' Seattle regional office. More than 250 PSU students and alumni have volunteered for tours overseas, a

significant number given PSU's nontraditional population of older, working parents, says Mary Cumpston, director of PSU's career center which coordinates Peace Corps recruitment in Portland. Volunteers with life experience and practical problem-solving skills and abilities are especially valued, she says.

Nancy Behrmann, a post-baccalaureate student at PSU, was among the former Peace Corps volunteers attending the award ceremony. Behrmann is the current PSU Peace Corps Coordinator, a part time position held by a returning Corps volunteer enrolled in a graduate program at PSU. Behrmann returned recently from two years in Costa Rica where she was a member of the Corps' small business development program.

"It was overwhelming and exciting," says Behrmann of her Peace Corps experience. "I want to join again." But its not for everyone, she

cautions.

During her tour, Behrmann requested to be away from civilization so she was located in the mountains of Costa Rica, in San Vito, about 5 kilometers from Panama, where she taught high school level classes, with an emphasis on special education. She also helped the Chamber of Commerce open the first tourist office in the area, and she coached seven students to participate in and win the regional Special Olympics.

Elsewhere, in Villa Pacadios she worked with a women's group who produced Indian clothing, jewelry, paintings and purses to help them establish a pricing system, locate new markets and increase their accessibility. In Ciudad Neily, she taught business principles to small business owners. In Campo Dos y Medio she established a women's group which went on to produce and sell paintings.

"The people were so incredible,"

says Behrmann. "They are extremely friendly. And it was actually even harder to return to the United States than it was to leave."

Behrmann says the Peace Corps tries to respond to the stated needs of the countries they serve. Volunteers provide technical skills and support, tell people what life and people in the U.S. are really like, and then return home to tell people in the U.S. what life and the people were like in the country they serve in.

According to statistics from the Corps' Seattle regional office, 29 PSU graduates served in 1995, including 11 men and 18 women. Four were minorities; six were over age 50. The oldest was age 66. The mean age of PSU volunteers was 37. Of the volunteers, 31% were located in Africa, 17% in Asia, 28% in Europe Central Asia and the Mediterranean, and 24% in Inter-America (Central, South America).

## Renewing America's civic life

On Thursday, Oct. 24, Portland Community College joins more than 400 other community groups across the country as the local host for a live-via-satellite call-in video teleconference on confronting current threats to American civic life, such as:

- rising divisiveness and lack of trust
- declining civic participation
- a growing gap between the "have" and "have-nots"
- the isolating nature of new technology

The conference will be held at the Cascade Campus, 705 N.

Killingsworth, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Terrell Hall, room 122.

A follow-up locally led panel discussion, from 1 to 2 p.m., will explore the themes and ideas of the conference and share reactions with conference attendees. Both the teleconference and panel discussion are open to the public and free of charge.

Kendi Esary, Cascade Campus student government coordinator who organized the conference at PCC, said, "We believe this program is an important one for our community and encourage people to attend. It is an op-

portunity for citizens in communities across the country to talk face-to-face about possibilities for reviving America's civic life in their own locales."

Local panel leaders include Ben Priestly, executive director of the Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods; Rep. Margaret Carter; Dana Anderson, chair of the PCC board of directors and Terri Greenfield, director of Steps To Success-North, a PCC partnerships program helping welfare recipients with job training and self-sufficiency.

## US Fails

A new study is painting a bleak picture of the quality of science and mathematics instruction in U.S. classrooms. The study, funded by the American and Canadian governments, studied science and math teaching in 49 countries. The study concludes that U.S. math and science education lacks focus and the curriculum is "a mile wide and an inch deep" compared with those of other nations. The study notes the United States does not have a single national curriculum, or common standards because authority is distributed among federal, state and local governments. One researcher notes: "There is no one at the helm. In truth, there is no helm."

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