

# E d u c a t i o n

## University of Phoenix To Mark Opening of its First Oregon Campus

The University of Phoenix, Portland's newest institution of higher education, announced that it will hold an open house on Thursday, March 19 from 4:00-7:00 to mark the opening of its first Oregon campus located at 13190 SW 68th Parkway in Tigard.

The open house will introduce attendees to the University's approach to higher education, including its "virtual library." Light refreshments will be served.

First announcing plans to open a Portland area campus last November, the University temporarily offered undergraduate and graduate degree classes in business at local conference facilities while awaiting the completion of its 14,000 sq. foot Tigard campus, which offi-

cially opened in January.

"We couldn't be happier with our new location," said Dr. Craig Swenson, University of Phoenix regional vice president. "I'm confident that Portland area residents will find the campus to be a convenient and pleasant location to pursue undergraduate and graduate degree programs."

Catering exclusively to working adults, the University allows students to go back to school without interrupting their careers.

Students attend class one night a

week, begin a new class every five to six weeks and meet with study groups at their convenience to complete assignments and group projects.

Classes are taught by working professionals with advanced degrees who possess current experience in the subject areas of the courses they teach.

"Working adult students demand a greater level of convenience than the traditional student," said Swenson. "At the University of Phoenix we provide the convenience, while at the same time ensuring a challenging and rewarding educational

experience."

The University of Phoenix is a private, for-profit institution of higher education whose mission is to provide high-quality education to working adult students. Founded in Phoenix, Arizona, the university currently offers programs in Arizona, California, Oregon, Washington, Michigan, Louisiana, Utah, Nevada, New Mexico, Colorado, Florida, Hawaii, and the commonwealth of Puerto Rico. The University is accredited by the Commission of Institutions of Higher Education of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, and currently enrolls more than 40,000 working adult students, and employs more than 6,000 faculty and staff.



## Computer Lab Opens New Opportunities for Youth

A state-of-the-art computer lab, funded by a \$278,000 donation from Intel and the Intel Foundation, could give young people the keys to a high tech future. The lab, located in Portland Parks and Recreation's University Park Community Center at 9009 North Foss, opens March 23rd. The lab will offer community membership and old-a chance to learn new job skills, get information about science and technology careers, use computers for art and recreation, plus give their homework a lift.

Young people who participate in sports programs at UPCC will be required to spend time on the keyboards before putting in time on the court or ballfield. "These kids need to be sold on the excitement and the tremendous potential of computers," says UPCC Director Lee Jenkins. Jenkins says the lab will be open from 9am-9pm daily so Portland Parks staff and volunteers can serve senior citizens, preschoolers, and adults in welfare-to-work programs, as well as school students.

The Intel Corporation and its foundation provided a combination of grants, equipment, and professional services to get the lab up and running. Intel spokesman Peter Broffman says that the project demonstrates the company's strong commitment to providing technology education in Oregon and increasing access of people of color to careers in this growing field. The need for such opportunities is particularly acute in the Portsmouth neighborhood where University Park Community Center is located. The center is across the street from Columbia Villa/Tamarack, Oregon's largest public housing development.

## April 1 Brings Change in Food Stamp Rules

Changes in eligibility for food stamps benefits will not result in a large scale cut-off for Oregonians on April 1, says Jim Neely, Adult and Family Services Division (AFS) deputy administrator.

It has been widely reported that more than 8,000 Oregonians in a number of the state's rural counties could be subject to loss of food stamps on April 1. How-

ever, Neely says, April 1 is only the effective date for a new rule limiting the time that able-bodied adults without dependents can receive food stamps.

As a result of federal welfare reform, he says, these able-bodied adults ages 18 to 50 who have no children are limited to receiving food stamps for 90 days in any three year period. The 90-day rule begins April 1.

Neely says food-stamp recipients can continue receiving benefits after 90 days (July 1) if they find employment or sign up with AFS for five hours a week of community service.

The rule doesn't affect adults with children or people who cannot work because of disability.

The new rules have been in effect in 20 Oregon counties for more than a year.

## PCC Announces New Scholarships

The Portland Community College Foundation has 12 new scholarships for the upcoming 1998-99 school year that will be available to help students go to college. These new scholarships total \$83,125, and could assist as many as 50 students.

"Private donations are absolutely critical to our ability to provide help to

our students, almost half of whom need financial help to stay in school," said Jan Coulton, executive director of the Foundation. "Many of the students who can benefit the most from PCC cannot afford even PCC's low tuition. These new scholarships will help ensure their educational future." The Foundation is the private fund-

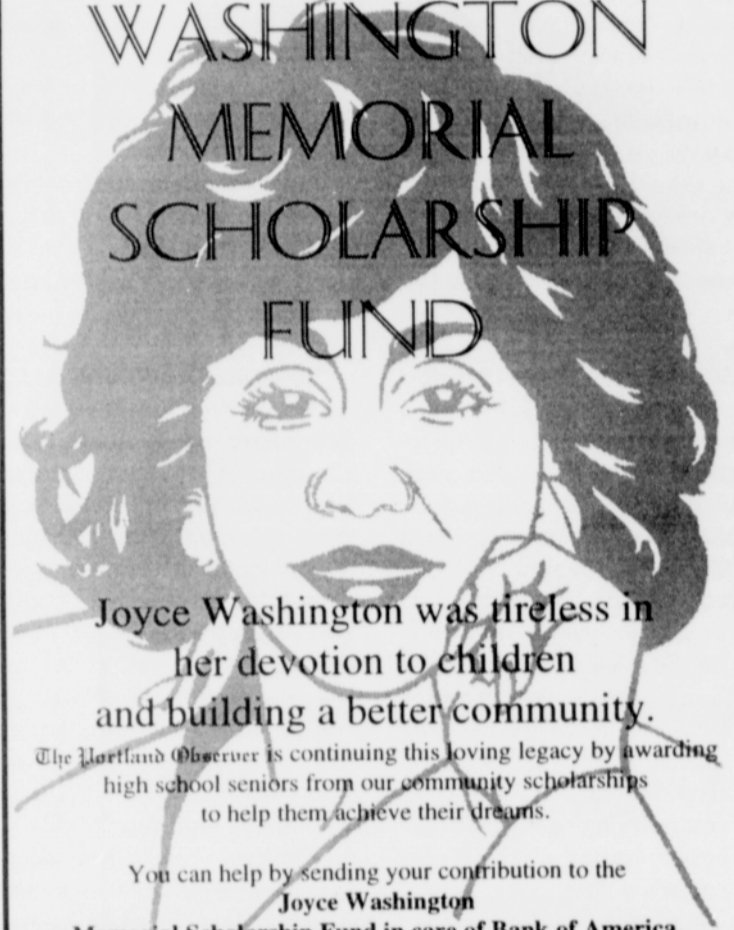
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