

College Tour for Students of Color

High school and community college students of color, or from under-represented populations, will have an opportunity to explore the potential of college when Oregon State University hosts the Kaleidoscope of Colleges and Cultures on Saturday, Nov. 11.

Kaleidoscope is an opportunity for students to get a glimpse of university life, and learn about admission standards, costs, financial aid and student housing. Participating students can also learn about OSU's academic programs, social opportunities and support services.

Campus tours also will be available.

"One of the highlights of the Kaleidoscope program is the chance for prospective students to meet with current OSU students, as well as with faculty and staff, to discuss their experiences and learn more about

what life on campus is all about," said Marcus R. Langford, orientation coordinator for OSU's Student Orientation and Retention (SOAR) program.

Pre-registration for the program which begins at 9:30 a.m. is required. Registration can be done online at oregonstate.edu/soar.



Portland Community College offers instruction in fire sciences which includes fire trucks used in training at the PCC Cascade Campus in north Portland.

Physical Therapist in Growing Profession

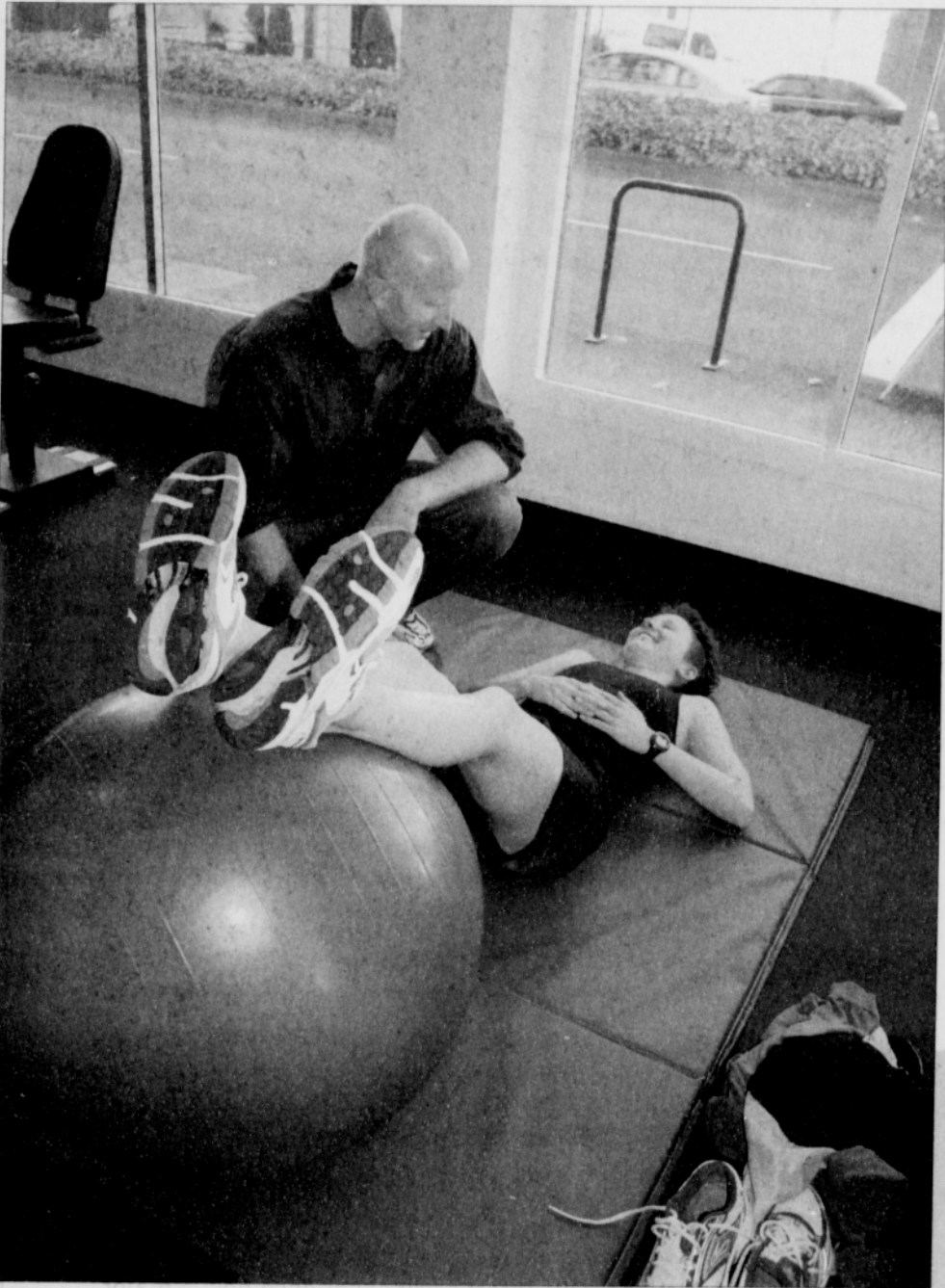


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with only two accredited schools in the state there is a need for growth, according to board director Jim Heider.

Those schools are Pacific University in Forest Grove, which offers a three-year accredited physical therapy degree.

Mt. Hood Community College in Gresham offers a two-year accredited assistance program.

At Therapeutic Associates clients are mainly treated with manual, hands-on exercises. Therapists use everyday props like exercise balls, balance boards, free weights and resistance tubing to aid strengthening and recovery.

The clinic works with athletic programs at Portland State University, Oregon State University and Portland high schools. McHenry and staff also treat dancers with Oregon Ballet Theatre.

"What they are doing is hard," McHenry said. "Their bodies are always in some state of dysfunction."

But injury prevention and early identification are key, he says. That's the future of the occupation — modifying athletic programs to keep athletes healthier before they get hurt.

Physical therapist David McHenry works with a patient at his Northeast Portland clinic, which offers an alternative to surgery and medicine by working on simple joint manipulation, massage and strengthening exercises.

Portland Community about Diversity, Access

Urban college in its 45th year

Portland Community College is not only the largest community college in Oregon, but it is the most racially and ethnically diverse institution of higher education in Oregon.

More than 25 percent of the college's enrollment feature students of color and nearly 60 percent of the degree-seeking enrollees are first-generation college students. Plus, there are 5,000 students enrolled in English for Speakers of Other Languages program.

"Community colleges have historically served as the gateway to higher education and economic opportunity for people from diverse backgrounds including immigrants, older students, people of color, women, and people with disabilities," said Preston Pulliams, PCC District

President. "PCC is no exception. Our students are very diverse. Our community and our students will only become more diverse in the coming years."

The college turns 45 this year. The college began offering classes in 1961 at the old Failing Elementary School in the Ross Island area of Portland with a dozen students earning diplomas the following year.

The college is a local success story, now serving more than 88,200 full- and part-time students in a multi-campus system, including Sylvania in Southwest Portland, Rock Creek in Northwest, the Southeast Center and the Cascade Campus on North Killingsworth Street.

For the 2006-07 year, the college continues to open doors to its diverse community and help students from all walks of life strive.

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