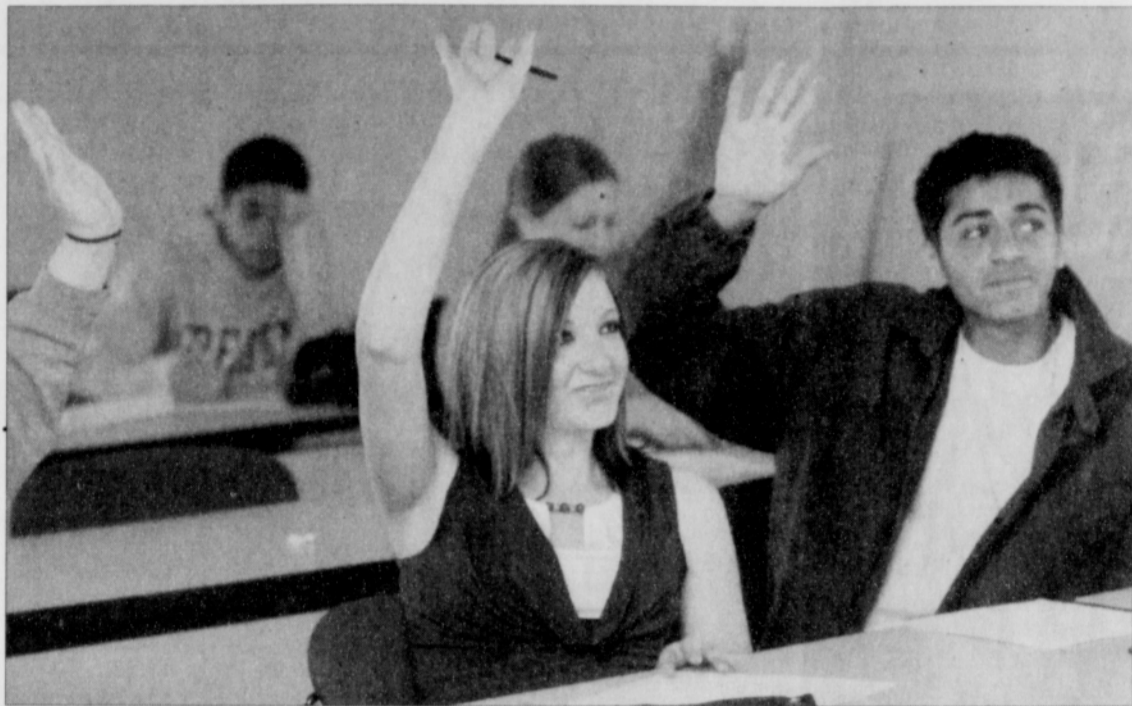


Gateway to College Program Expands Reach

Portland Community College's nationally-recognized Gateway to College program is expanding thanks to a new five-year, \$3 million award from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

The program helps dropouts complete their high school diplomas by taking college courses for dual credit.

"There is a strong demand for Gateway to College across the country, because every city has a dropout problem," said Laurel Dukehart, director of the Gateway to College National Network. "We are thrilled to have this opportunity to bring Gateway to College to more



young people, as we help broker partnerships between community colleges and school districts looking for alternatives for struggling students."

The money will help replicate two key innovations developed

at PCC - Academic Discipline Preparation and Gateway Preparation.

ADP is a series of one-credit companion colleges courses in economics, business, history, biology and political science. Gateway Preparation is an addition term of study that builds academic skills and habits to prepare students to enter the Gateway to College Foundation Term.

Students at Portland Community College can complete their high school diplomas by taking college courses for dual credit.

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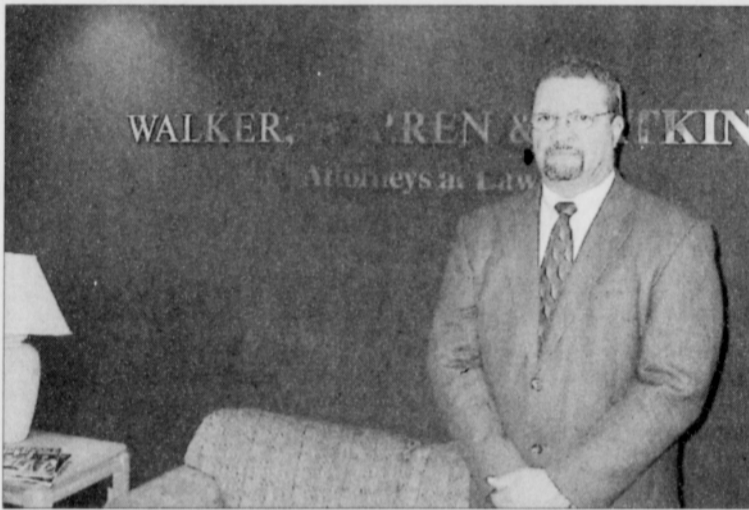
Law Firm Founder Named Judge

Kenneth Walker, who established Oregon's first African-American law firm, has been named to the Multnomah County Circuit Court bench.

Walker established Walker, Warren and Watkins 17 years ago in Portland. He was appointed to a vacant position on the court by Gov. Theodore Kulongoski, a Democrat.

Before the announcement last week, Adrienne Nelson was the only African-American judge in the state circuit court system.

Also appointed by Kulongoski



Kenneth Walker

to other vacancies on the court was Youlee You, a senior assistant attorney general for the Oregon Department of Justice. You, a Korean-American, was named a judge earlier by Kulongoski, but she stepped down because of residency requirements.

Rounding out the group of four judicial appointments was Diana Stuart, a civil, labor and domestic relations litigator and public defender, and Thomas Ryan, a circuit court judge pro tem.

PCC CASCADE CONNECTION Weekend College for Busy People

There are days when I really love my job.

The life of a community college campus president has many demands. There are meetings to attend, relationships to maintain, decisions to be made. A million different concerns intrude every day - enrollment, funding, personnel matters, you name it.

But quite often, through it all, something happens that makes me remember why I got into this line of work, that reminds me why institutions like Cascade Campus are called "community" colleges.

Not long ago, a young woman came to see me in my office. She was concerned about whether she would be able to continue her studies at Cascade Campus, but not because of money, relationship troubles, work conflicts or any of the other typical reasons that might prompt a young person to leave college. Rather, she was worried that she might not be able to continue at Cascade because of the demands placed on her by caring for her mother, who suffers from a chronic debilitating disease.

She was exactly the kind of student of which a campus president

can be proud - bright, articulate, ambitious and energetic. Someone who can use her community college education as the first step on a long and successful journey.

Seeing her dilemma, her conflict between caring for her mother and caring for her own future, brought the essence of community colleges home to me, right there in my office. She wanted - needed - the college to be flexible enough to accommo-

Fortunately for this young woman - and for Cascade Campus - we were able to help her through a combination of evening classes and tutoring, and we helped put her in contact with resources in the community that can assist her with her caregiving duties. She remains an enthusiastic, successful college student.

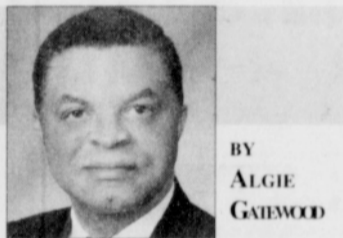
Her need for flexibility and accommodation, however, was not

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date both her duty to her mother and her duty to herself. And she deserved it.

What is a community college if it isn't responsive to the needs of the community? Where do extraordinary people like this young woman go to better themselves, if not to us? Is not the barometer of success for a learning institution its ability to meet the energy and dedication of its students with equal measures of its own?

lost on me or the Portland Community College district. In fact, starting this Spring Term, Cascade Campus is launching a pilot project that will make community college more accessible to busy people than it has ever been before. It's called Weekend College, and it works exactly the way it sounds - by offering a range of classes on weekends, from Friday evenings through Sunday afternoons. Now, working people, parents and others with



BY ALGIE GATEWOOD

demanding lives - like the young woman who visited me that day - can find the time to invest in themselves and their futures.

As it happened, on the very day that this bright young woman approached me with her concerns, Cascade Campus hosted the statewide kickoff of Oregon's new prescription drug coverage program.

The room was full of people, young and old, celebrating the fact that their continuing good health had been placed within closer reach. During my remarks at the ceremony, I related the young woman's story, and it all came back to me again - a community college campus is so much more than the sum of its parts. It is the neighborhood's educational, social and economic hub, an institution that touches the community on so many levels. It is literally the symbol of a brighter future.

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Ask Deanna!



Real People, Real Advice

An advice column known for reality based subjects!

Dear Deanna!

I found out that my husband was having an affair but I didn't say anything. However his mistress isn't too bright. She approached me at the grocery store and thought she was doing me a favor by telling me all about it. I was fine and laughing at her until she called me stupid. I took it upon myself at that point to slap her a few times and she pressed charges. My husband will be with me in court but I'm not sure what to do with him after the legal battle. -- Strong Wife; St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Strong Wife:

After slapping the mistress, your

next step should be your husband. Yes, he was wrong for his actions and even more so for selecting someone ignorant to have an affair with. After the legal battle you need to do an assessment of your marriage, find out why your husband had an affair and determine together what you'll do next. However, make it known you will not tolerate cheating and divorce is an option if he decides to do something this dumb again.

Dear Deanna!

My girlfriend is getting on my nerves because I feel she has mistaken strength for rudeness. She talks down to me and embarrasses me in front of my friends. She is trying to prove to her friends that she's in control of this relationship. I let her get away with a few things because no harm has been done. I need to put a stop to this because she's begun to publicly attack

my sexual performance. How do I address this without ruining the relationship? --Anonymous; On-Line Reader

Dear Anonymous:

You need a loud mouth woman like you need a hole in the head. Your girlfriend is being disrespectful to you and the relationship. You should be direct and tell her to keep her mouth shut and stop putting you on blast in front of people. If she feels the need to control something, buy her a dog and she can pull its leash and make it jump at her command. If the verbal rudeness continues, give her a warning with the understanding that the next time, you'll be gone.

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