



Students jam the Portland Community College registrar's office on the Rock Creek campus in northwest Portland.

Enrollment Booms on PCC Campuses

Growth follows trend

The largest post-secondary college in the state is getting bigger. Portland Community College grew for the third consecutive term this spring term. The increase was about 4 percent in total population from last spring or about 6 percent when calculating courses taken or full-time equivalent (FTE) students. After the fifth week of spring term, PCC was serving 34,335 students, up by 1,353 students from a year ago.

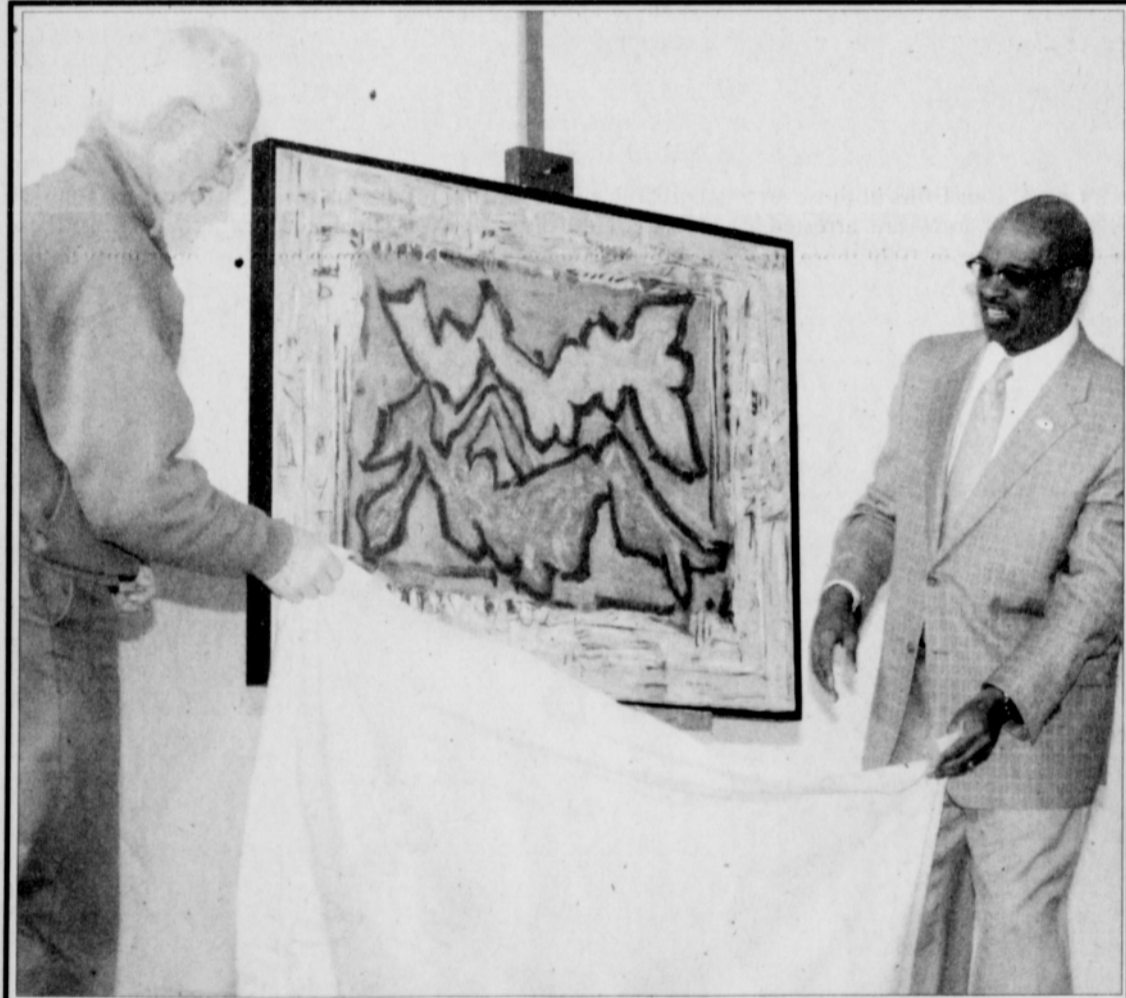
The Southeast Center grew by 2.9 percent to 12,778 students, but swelled by 35.9 percent in core credit course FTE enrollment. "Our enrollment is booming," said Craig Kolins, dean of instruction and student development at the center. "Due to the classes needed to satisfy the enrollment growth and because of the increase in community use, it is all creating space limitations for us." The Southeast Center had more than 200 students on waiting lists

each term for writing, math and English for Speakers of Other Languages courses. Kolins said that demand also has increased for biology and other science courses in oceanography, geology and meteorology. Currently, the center doesn't have the science lecture and lab courses needed to let students meet the lab requirements they need to earn an associate's degree and must complete these at other campuses.

In addition to the enrollment surge, more than 50 businesses, community and government organizations have used the facilities this year. "With our enrollment growth, we have had to limit community use of our facilities at the Southeast Center to accommodate the growing number of credit and non-credit students who want to take classes," Kolins added. Each of the three comprehensive campuses at PCC offer com-

plete paths to an associate's degree at their respective locations. The Rock Creek Campus in northwest Portland, known for Veterinary Technology, Landscape Technology and Biology programs, experienced the biggest surge in enrollment. Rock Creek increased by 10 percent to 7,430 students and 11.7 percent in FTE. The Cascade Campus in north Portland, which is home to Trades and Industry, Computer Technology and Business Administration

programs, along with the Margaret Carter Skill Center, had 546 more students enroll this year for the spring, swelling to 7,329 total students, a change of 8 percent. The southwest Portland campus – the largest in PCC's district and houses such programs as machine manufacturing technology, early childhood education, sign language interpreter and automotive technology – experienced an increase in student enrollment 2.9 percent to 12,289 students.



Columbus Ship 'Nina' to Visit

On Friday May 23, the "Nina," a replica of Columbus' favorite ship will be docked on the downtown Waterfront at Southeast Madison Street until her departure early Monday morning, June 2. The ship is on its way to Vancouver Island to participate in Tall Ships events. Built completely by hand and without the use of

power tools, the ship earned Archaeology magazine's designation as "the most historically correct Columbus replica ever built." The craftsmanship of construction and the details in the rigging make it a truly fascinating visit back to the Age of Discovery. Nina was used in the production of the film "1492," starring Gerard Depardieu

and directed by Ridley Scott. While in port, the general public are invited to visit the ship for a walk aboard self-guided tours. The prices are \$5 for adults, \$4 for senior citizens and \$3 for students. Children 4 and under are free. The ship will be open every day from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. No reservations necessary.

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Community Art Celebrated

Portland Community College President Preston Pulliams (right) helps Art Beat featured artist Harry Widman unveil his featured art work at the festival's Art Beat kick-off ceremony at the college's Southeast Center. The painting, "Mother and Daughter," will be permanently installed at the center in honor of Widman, a resident of Cedar Hills. Every year, organizers select a featured artist who creates a work of art in their field that permanently resides at one of PCC's campuses.

Interstate Farmers Market Opens

Tables fill each Wednesday near Kaiser

The opening bell of the Interstate Farmers' Market season was rung by new market manager Bob New last Wednesday. The market is located on North Fremont Street, just off Interstate Avenue between Overlook Park and the Interstate Kaiser Permanente Campus - West Building. "The market is developing a reputation for supplying a rich variety of quality fresh local produce, baked goods, cut flowers, artisan cheese, meat and fish," stated Mike Moran, a member

of the market's community board of directors. "Plus the wireless debit system introduced last season through a partnership with New Seasons Markets' Pacific Village products was wildly successful. The system makes the market even more accessible, especially to shoppers with Oregon Trail cards." Kicking off the entertainment for this year's season was the local band, The Underscore Orkestra, playing a mix of Klezmer, Balkan, Gypsy Jazz and Swing Music. Entertainment is scheduled throughout the summer and the market is looking for partners to develop a Kids' Village as a part of its community-gathering place. The Interstate Farmers Mar-

ket is held each Wednesday through Sept. 24, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. For those driving, there is ample free parking in the Kaiser West parking lot. For non-driving shoppers the market is located at the MAX yellow line Overlook stop and provides bike parking. Sponsors and partners of this year's market include Kaiser Permanente, New Seasons Market, Overlook Neighborhood and North Portland Neighborhood Services. Visit the website at interstatefarmersmarket.com for dates, news and driving directions. Sign up for the weekly newsletter to receive weekly vendor updates, community stories and recipes.

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