

Tony Greiner sets up a program at the Cascade Campus Library of Portland Community College for students to save money by reusing college textbooks.

## Program Saves Cost on Textbooks

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books available will mean that students who cannot afford their textbooks (or who have not received their financial aid checks at the start of the term) will be able to do their homework assignments and readings while waiting for their financial situation to improve.

"While one copy of the texts will not meet all the possible demand, the project should be an aid to student success and retention," he said.

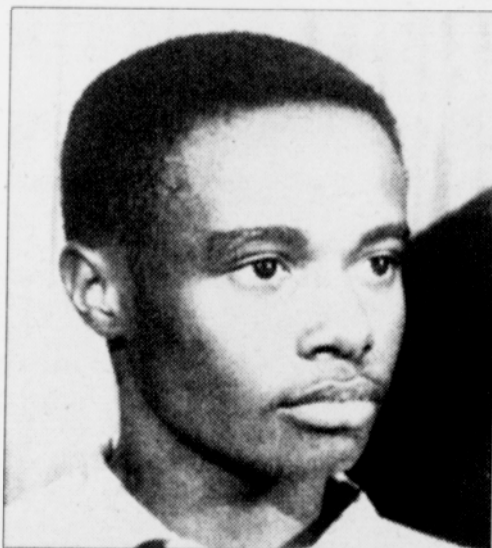
If the trial proves successful, Greiner said he and the committee will look for a permanent funding source. Greiner said the per-term cost of the program

would drop considerably because it will need to replace the texts only for those courses that have changed books.

"At the end of the fall term, and again at the end of the academic year, this project will be evaluated to see if it should be expanded, modified or discarded," Greiner said.

## Pioneering Student Remembered

He integrated Little Rock schools in 1957



Jefferson Thomas in 1957

(AP) -- Jefferson Thomas was fast and athletic and often played pickup basketball with white students while growing up in Little Rock in the 1950s.

But when Thomas became one of nine black students to integrate Arkansas' largest high school, many of his basketball buddies weren't happy to see him in their classes.

"One of them said, 'Well I don't mind playing basketball or football with you or anything. You guys are good at sports. Everybody knows that, but you're just not smart enough to sit next to me in the classroom,'" Thomas recalled years later.

The pioneer in school desegregation died Sunday at an extended-care living facility in Columbus, Ohio, of pancreatic cancer at age 67, according to Carlotta Walls LaNier, who also enrolled at Central High School in 1957 and is president of the Little Rock Nine Foundation.

The integration fight was a first real test of the federal government's resolve to enforce a 1954 Supreme Court order outlawing racial segre-

gation in the nation's public schools. After Gov. Orval Faubus sent National Guard troops to block Thomas and eight other students from entering the school, President Dwight Eisenhower ordered in the Army's 101st Airborne Division.

Soldiers stood in the school halls and escorted the students as they went from classroom to classroom.

Each of the Little Rock Nine received Congressional Gold Medals shortly after the 40th anniversary of their enrollment. President Bill Clinton presented the medals in 1999 to Thomas, LaNier, Melba Patillo Beals, Minnijean Brown Trickey, Elizabeth Eckford, Ernest Green, Gloria Ray Karlmark, Terrence Roberts

and Thelma Mothershed Wair.

Clinton issued a statement Monday, calling Thomas "a true hero, a fine public servant, and profoundly good man."

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