

Momentous Growth

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for students and the neighborhood.

"The energy surrounding the transformation of the college's Southeast Center to its fourth campus is palpable," said PCC President Jeremy Brown. "I remember coming to the Southeast Center for the first time when I was a finalist for

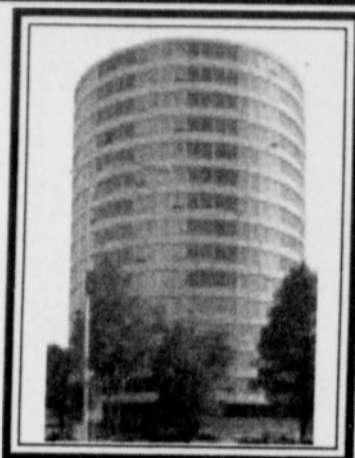
the presidency, and thinking how much I wanted to be part of this college, one that was on the verge opening such a fantastic fourth campus. And that day is now here.

"At long last we're able to bring a full menu of offerings, in terms of technology, courses, facilities and services, to our students and staff at Southeast," he added. "Instead



The new Portland Community College Student Commons on its southeast Portland campus is a three-story, 66,000-square-foot structure finished last spring that houses an expanded bookstore, five science classrooms with labs, six general purpose classrooms, four career technical education and computer classrooms and a new STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) Center.

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of a two-building center, there's now a feeling that this is a real college campus."

In addition to the new, there is the old. The German American Society's historic 1911 building, renamed the Southeast Administration Building, has been preserved and repurposed. "The renovated structure provides space for campus and community events as well as offices for Southeast's administrative and Community Education staff. And on the fourth floor, PCC will open a branch of its award-winning Small Business Development Center by the end of 2014 to provide services to southeast Portland small business owners and entrepreneurs.

"Having Southeast become a comprehensive campus adds many new engagement opportunities for students," said Joshua Peters McBride, student leadership coordinator for the campus. "With new services such as our Multicultural, Women's Resource and Career Exploration centers, Queer Resource and a Veterans Resource spaces as well as our newly renovated Student Leadership Office, Southeast is perfectly positioned to provide new, exciting, and intentional learning opportunities for our students."

An example of the benefits of the new campus' status is how it serves students. Rather than having to

shuttle to other locations to take a key core class a student can remain in the southeast Portland neighborhood and take all the courses they need to complete their associate's degree. Also, student support services now are offered in one location at the Southeast Campus Answer Center—a one-stop kiosk where any student can access and navigate college resources (Enrollment Services, Registration, Financial Aid and Student Accounts) with help from staff volunteers.

"The campus, like the neighborhoods around it, is poised for great things," Howard said. "It is a wonderful feeling and privilege to arrive at this moment."

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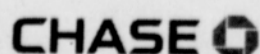
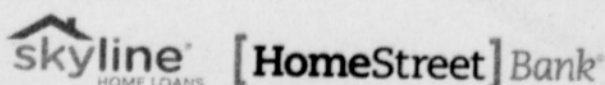
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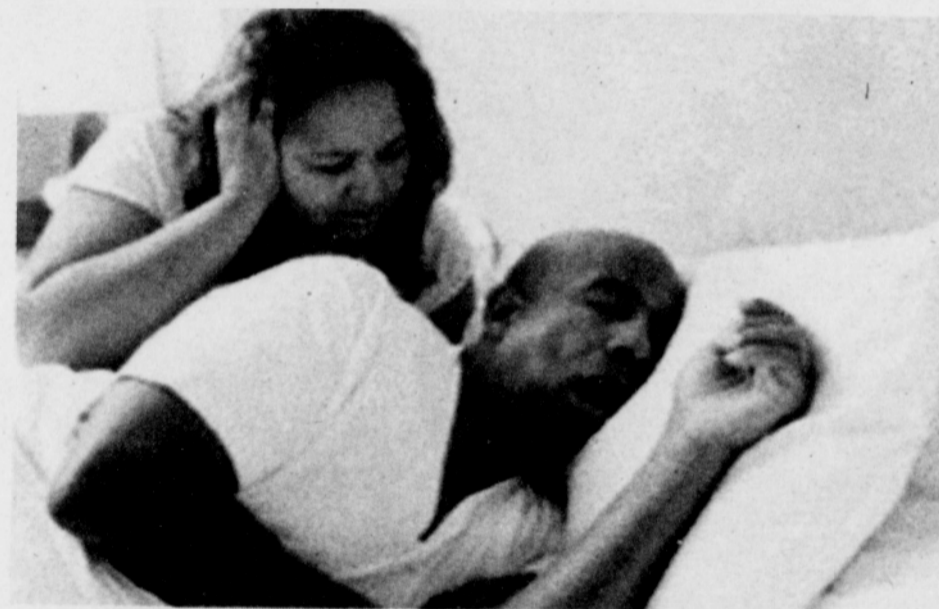
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