

**Christmas trees
from national
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by permit**

Christmas trees will again be available this year from the Umatilla National Forest. Tree cutting for personal use may be done on all six Ranger Districts. Permits, cutting sites and specific information may be obtained from the various Ranger district offices or from the Forest Supervisor's office in Pendleton. Permits cost \$2 per tree and

must be attached to the tree when it is being transported from the Forest. The Pendleton and Pomeroy offices will be open to issue Christmas tree permits Saturdays, December 2, 9 and 16 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Permits may also be obtained during the week from 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Dale, Heppner, Pendleton, Pomeroy and Ukiah offices.

BMCC board hears radio station problems, business

Recent federal regulations affecting campus radio stations were discussed by the Blue Mountain Community College board at their regular meeting, Nov. 15. Blaine Hanks, broadcasting instructor, told the board that in light of the new regulations, the college has a number of alternatives to consider. One

of the alternatives would be for the college to increase power from 10 to 100 watts at a cost of about \$8,000. The college station could remain at 10 watts, but would be required to move to a new channel. Cost of this move would be about \$1,625. The college station could face several such moves under this

alternative. They could also be forced to share the channel with another non-profit organization. Hanks assured the board that appeals to the FCC are being made. No decision on BMCC action is needed until January, 1980, he indicated. "I don't think we should be pulling back and losing what

we have," Hanks pointed out to the board. Additionally, the board discussed its policy of placing funds excess to immediate needs with the institution that presents the highest bid for interest on timed certificate deposits. The concensus of the board was to keep the bid selection process the same. Board members did express interest in keeping college funds in locally based institutions, but felt the overall interest of the college and the taxpayers was best served by placing funds at the highest possible interest rates.

The board heard a letter from Murray Innes, president of the College-Community Theatre Association. Innes proposed doubling the stipend paid to directors and technical directors of the play productions. The college now pays the director and technical director \$250 each for each of the three plays. The board requested additional information concerning relationship of the college to the college-community theatre group. In other business, the board:

—Granted an unpaid leave of absence to Bruce Guiwits, fine arts instructor, for fall term next year. —Approved agreements with Eastern Oregon Hospital & Training Center and the Umatilla County Mental Health Program for clinical training for the BMCC nursing program. The agreements involve no money, but do clarify the responsibility of each party in the agreement. —Tabled a proposal from Equitable Savings and Loan Association for a deferred compensation plan proposal for college employees. Further study will be made of the obligations the program places on the college.

—Set Nov. 28 as the date for a special board meeting to meet with Support Service Association representatives to set negotiation guidelines. The review of the NORPA proposal will also be held at the same meeting.

—Set Dec. 20 as the next board meeting with a dinner meeting of the Budget Committee set for 6 p.m. and the regular board meeting to follow at 8 p.m.

**BMCC students
build own
workshop**

Second year mechanical technology students at Blue Mountain Community College now have a chance to gain actual lab experience working in the new automotive mechanics building on campus. The 125 foot by 50 foot building houses four lab areas including: chassis and wheel alignment, general automotive repair, dynamometer testing and apprenticeship training.

"We have needed the building for some time," according to Bob Hawk, dean of occupational training. "We've never had an area to take second year people and have them learn in a repair shop setting," he noted.

About 75 students in automotive technology and diesel-heavy equipment use the lab facilities. Last year, the department had to rent facilities away from campus for the second-year lab.

"The students use their own vehicles provided the activity pertains to class. Anyone's vehicle may be used, but students have the first priority," said Jerry McBee, mechanical technology department head. The automobile owner is charged for parts only.

The building was constructed at a cost of \$180,000. This included equipment such as the two twin-post hoists, an overhead movable crane, air compressor, an exhaust-fume removal system and other nonmovable items.

Skylights illuminate the working area of the new mechanics lab. Although a metal building, the lab was constructed to blend in with the architecture of the rest of campus buildings.

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