

PCC grants for low-income engineering students

A National Science Foundation (NSF) grant to provide 40 low-income engineering and computer science students with two-year scholarships has been awarded to Portland Community College's Engineering Technology and Math Division and Portland State University's College of Engineering and Computer Science.

The Computer Science, Engineering and Mathematics Scholarships Program will assist those students at PSU and PCC studying engineering or computer science. The program will provide up to \$3,125 per year for up to two years to full-time, low-income students in their first or second year of study. The scholarships will help students who otherwise might not enter the programs because of financial restraints, get the education they need.

PCC and PSU, who enroll

more college students than any other schools in the state, have developed a program to give students more choices and a clearer path to higher education through a co-enrollment agreement. It paves the way for joint admission and enrollment for current and prospective students at PSU and PCC and will allow students to be admitted to both schools

with one application. Students will pay each school's respective tuition rate. The new schol-

arship agreement took effect on January 15 and the deadline to apply is March 1. Applications are available through PSU's financial aid department or its website: eas.pdx.edu/financialaid.shtml

For more information, call Scott Huff, division dean of PCC's Engineering Technology and Math Division, at 503-977-4158, or Marcia Fischer, PSU's director of Enrollment Service in its College of Engineering and Computer Science at 503-725-4289.

Rotary Internat'l scholarships

Columbia County Rotary Club has announced that applications are now available for Rotary International's ambassadorial scholarship program, which provides opportunities for university students to spend a year abroad in one of 160 different countries, studying and acting as ambassadors to further international understanding and goodwill. The scholarships are for the 2002-03 school year.

Applicants must have completed at least two years of university or college course work prior to the scholarship year or have a high school diploma and two years experience in a recognized vocation.

The scholarship covers round-trip transportation, required fees for a normal course load, reasonable room and board, some educational supplies and possible language training. Generally, the scholarship award will range from \$13,000 to \$25,000.

"These scholarships are a wonderful opportunity and we would love to have one of our local students take advantage of such a great experience," said Diane Mills, Columbia County Rotary President.

The Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarship program is the world's largest privately sponsored international scholarship program, having sponsored more than 30,000 Rotary Scholars since 1947.

For more information, contact Berkeley Smith at 503-543-8135 or visit Rotary's web site at www.rotary.org.

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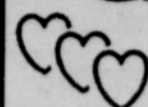
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The Vernonia Police Department recently spoke to students at Washington Grade School to explain laws prohibiting Bicycles, Skateboards, Rollerblades and Scooters on some downtown sidewalks. A map that highlighted the sidewalks was used in the explanation and later posted at the WGS office as a reminder.

Penalties were explained in detail and students were encouraged to obey the law so they would not have to learn by experience. Alternative routes were suggested, such as the new paved pathway behind WGS that connects to the Linear Trail and, from there, to both sides of town.

The students were very polite and asked a lot of good questions. Sgt. Gene Baska and I had a great time talking with them, but we also urge parents to reinforce the lessons, as youngsters do forget.

If you have any questions about the City Ordinances, please call me at 503-429-7335.

Jim Walters
Chief of Police
Vernonia Police Department